

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MISS MARY GILL

Mrs. J. F. Lenti entertained a number of her lady friends and friends of her prospective bride and groom at an announcement social and shower at the home of her father on Ferguson avenue Wednesday in behalf of her brother, Mr. Ray Lemm, and his fiancée Miss Mary Gill, whose impending marriage was announced during the evening. Guests to the number of thirty or more arrived early in the evening and were served a delicious luncheon and later took part in an unique contest in which the various guests offered advice to the prospective bride, writing their ideas along this line on small cards which were collected and judged by a committee of three. Mrs. Lillian Collins was adjudged the winner and was presented with a handsome powder and puff box.

The house was beautifully decorated in white and pink and lovely place favors were distributed in the form of pink roses containing mints. A very pleasant evening was spent by the guests and the bride-to-be was the recipient of a number of handsome and valuable presents, largely in the way of table napery, cut glass, silverware, etc. While the date of the wedding was not announced at the social, we understand that it will be within the next few weeks—some time before the beginning of Lent, which is February 14th, we believe.

The prospective groom is one of the substantial young men of this city, where he has been reared from boyhood and is therefore well known to everyone. He is and has for some years been employed as office manager for the East Arkansas Lumber Company. Miss Gill is a former resident of Sikeston, having come here with her parents a year or two ago, and she is a beautiful and charming young lady. It is a pleasure to chronicle the impending happy event and to wish the contracting parties, even thus far in advance, much happiness and prosperity through their future wedded life.—Charleston Democrat.

EX-KAISER REPORTED LIVING UNHAPPILY

London, January 26.—The correspondent of the Yorkshire Evening News, wiring to his paper from Doorn, says:

"In spite of elaborate efforts to hide the truth, I have discovered that the second marriage of the former German Emperor has been a complete failure and that at the present moment he is living in one part of the castle while his wife and children are in another. I am told that a very few weeks sufficed to bring about the breakdown.

"Those who are near the ex-Kaiser have been struck by the grave alteration, not only in his mood but in his character. He is said to have been affected very unfavorably by the operation for gland transference he underwent before his second marriage. His own children have not forgiven him for the second marriage and his stepchildren avoid him.

"His means are reduced and his private expenditure is strictly limited. He is living today under most unhappy family conditions. He can command neither service, affection nor companionship, and the breakdown in his domestic arrangements is painfully apparent to the very few who visit him."

Don't miss the opening play Monday night at the Malone Theatre by the Princess Stock Co.

The National Duroc Association will give \$200 toward the futurity to be held at the Southeast Missouri District Fair this fall. This should bring out an unusual large class of this popular swine. The Fair Association has been very liberal toward breeders of swine and the biggest classes of both Durocs and Poland Chinas ever held south of St. Louis will be shown here this time.

Conditions at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, for negroes are said by students to have caused the strike of about 450 of the 500 students at the school Thursday. The students at in a statement asserted they are treated like convicts. They ask for social opportunities, entertainment and a student council. "It is simply a question of girls", President Page said. He said strict rules against the mingling of boys and girls, either at the institution or on their way to and from school, were to be enforced.

YOUNG BURGLARS SENT TO THE BENTON JAIL

The home of E. E. Ferrell in the southwest section of Sikeston was entered Thursday night by someone who used a crowbar to pry open a window. Mr. Elkins ran a small meat shop at his house and made homemade candies. Some meat and taffy candy was taken. Officers looked over the ground and concluded to get out a search warrant for the home where John Ridge lived. At his house some of the meat and some of the candy was found. Ridge told Officer Burks that Newton Elkins and Virgil Atkinson were with him and all had a hand in the affair. Elkins was arrested along with Ridge and locked up in the city jail. Atkinson had left town but returned Friday, was arrested by Justice Lescher, and locked up with the other two boys. Officer Burks took the three of them to Benton Friday, where they will be held for circuit court which convenes about the middle of March. Elkins and Atkinson have police records while the Ridge boy is up for the first time. Their ages run from 17 to 19 years. With these three boys locked up maybe some of the small theiving will cease.

FLAPPERS, LOUNGE LIZARDS, WIVES EAT UP PAY ROLL

Jefferson City, January 26.—The House of Representatives was thrown into a turmoil yesterday afternoon, when charges were hurled on all sides that lounge lizards, flappers, cake eaters and wives of legislators were "eating up the State pay roll".

Heated arguments ensued, and all other matters were swept aside to determine the need at this time for increasing the House clerical force as suggested in a measure offered by Representative Dale of Ray County.

Representative George E. Cottrell of Barry County was among those who asked the privilege of the floor. He objected strenuously to the reference to his wife as "an old woman" when one of the other legislators mentioned that the legislators had their "old women" on the pay roll.

"I am not one of the highly educated members of this body", said Cottrell, "but I want to say that if the old girl goes home I go home with her. She is a help to me in my correspondence as she is a better speller than I am and she corrects the matter that I must write my constituents. To tell you the truth I don't think much of the capitol. I don't believe it is a healthy place and ran for this office only at the request of my people in the county. I have since regretted that I accepted the office". Cottrell's remarks had seconds from several sections of the House and a number of the Representatives opined they would have much to say about the "old women" before the matter was disposed of.

Don't forget The Princess Stock Co. will be at the Malone Theatre all next week.

R. A. Moll of Grand Chain, Ill., drove over to Sikeston Sunday for a brief visit with his wife and children, who are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard.

The Farming Times has bought the Farmington Bank building and will henceforth have a "home". The consideration is practically \$8,000. The building is two story and the upper floor will be used by editor Bradshaw and his family and in truth it will be home. The building overlooks the square and is in the heart of the business district. Brother Bradshaw feels proud of the fact that The Times has acquired this property for it has been "homeless", as he terms it, throughout its entire life. Here's congratulations and may you prosper.—Charleston Times.

Gene Poashnick has had bad luck with his herd of Poland China swine. He sent 22 head of last spring gilts out to his father's farm to run with the stock hogs in the corn field and in the round-up a few days ago it was discovered that 12 of Gene's pure bred and 11 of Sam's stockers failed to answer to the roll call. The missing hogs would weigh about 220 lbs. each. It is a mystery what became of them as the neighborhood has been thoroughly searched and no trace discovered. If they were butchered and sold in surrounding towns it will be hard to trace them and if they were driven away and shipped to market, why didn't the thief take the entire 200 head. If you can throw any light on this hog mystery advise Potashnick.

The Sikeston Mercantile Co.'s Sale

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AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

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APRON
GINGHAM
12c

And regardless of climatic conditions our salespeople were rushed to the limit during the entire day, selling goods to hundreds of bargain hunters.

WOMEN'S
COTTON HOSE
9c

SELLING STAMPEDE

Men's Percale
Shirts
89c

FANCY
PERCALE
15c

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DOMESTIC
14c

UNBLEACHED
MUSLIN
10c

MEN'S
OVERALLS
\$1.19

MEN'S
WORK SOCKS
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\$1.19

Our entire \$50,000.00 stock has been placed on the bargain block. The price cutter's knife has gone deep and not one item has escaped. Come while you have an abundance of goods to select from—you will not be disappointed in a single thing. Don't let the other fellow get all the bargains.

FANCY
CHEVIOT
12 1/2c

J & P COATS
THREAD
4c

CRASH
TOWELING
10c

GRAB SALE

Monday, Feb. 5
10 O'clock



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI GETS PUBLICITY IN SOUTH

In each Sunday edition of the Commercial Appeal there appears on the Farm Page a timely news article on some Southeast Missouri subject. These articles are prepared and furnished by the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau.

In last Sunday's Commercial Appeal, there was an article on the good roads of Southeast Missouri, accompanied by a picture of the concrete road in Mississippi County. It gave a review of the general road building in the district and cited the reader to the fact that Southeast Missouri has done more road building in the last two years than any other section of Missouri and that many tourists are now traveling through Southeast Missouri by automobile to look at the country, a thing that was not possible before the "good roads" program was inaugurated.

These articles in the Commercial Appeal are rendering a great service to Southeast Missouri at the present time. This southern publicity and the cotton exhibit at the Tri-State Fair, at Memphis, last summer, are large factors in bringing about the stream of immigration that has poured into Southeast Missouri from the south during the past few months.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and daughter, Little Miss Lavinia Moll, of Grand Chain, Ill., Misses Elsa Smart and Hyacinth Sheppard spent a few hours in Morehouse Sunday afternoon with Mrs. E. M. Boswell.

Perhaps you have noticed paragraphs in The Standard from time to time credited to F. D. Lair. He is the live furniture man of Charleston who pays the Charleston Times for the space that they occupy. Those that The Standard has copied contained a sentiment that were worth reproducing. Mr. Lair never has less than a quarter of a page in that paper and the space is generally taken up with news items of those who trade with him and with the articles that he is receiving. His advertisements are original and widely read.

ROAD CONTRACTS TO BE LET ON FEB. 2

Bids for the grading, construction of culverts and of a gravel pavement 16 feet in width, together with any incidental work on the State road from Diehlstadt northward are to be received by the State Highway Commission February 2, according to announcements. The total mileage to be constructed is 5.5 miles and the work is to be let in two contracts of 1.0 and 4.5 miles.

The road to be improved is part of the Charleston-Benton State road project, designated for improvement from the State's \$60,000,000 bond issue. It is expected that the portion of this road in Mississippi County, from the Lough farm on the Bertrand concrete road to the Scott County line south of Diehlstadt, at total distance of about 2.5 miles, will be advertised soon, in which event all of Mississippi County's State road project will be under way, contracts having heretofore been awarded for the improvement of other mileage designated by law.—Cape Missourian.

Miss Daisy Garden leaves this evening for the market to select her spring hats.

J. L. Cox, out on Route 2, will put out 30 acres of cotton this year. He is like hundreds of other farmers of this community, looking forward with hopes for good crops and good prices the coming season.

Emory Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Sr., writes from San Francisco to his parents that he has been assigned as radio operator to the "U. S. S. Boston" and is expected to sail for foreign ports at any time. He took the examination along with six others at St. Louis, December 16, was given his rating the 17th and left at once for San Francisco. The Standard is proud of this lad and feels certain he will deliver the goods as he has been interested in wireless for many months. His enlistment is for four years.

EACH GOLFER'S ANNUAL VALUE TO BOSS \$500

A golfer is worth at least \$500 more a year to his employer than an employee who does not have the physical and moral benefits of that game, according to W. A. Alexander of Chicago. Expatriating these views to those attending the W. G. A. meeting in Chicago he explained that the game had, such influence on the player for integrity, generosity, and urbanity that it would be a good investment for every business man to see to it at his own expense that his employees had opportunity to play golf at least once a week.

Mr. Alexander said that the difference he had found in men who played golf over those who had never taken up the game convinced him that an employer would be the gainer if he actually expended \$500 a year on each employer for golf.

A. L. Daugherty of the Matthews vicinity was in Sikeston Friday and called on The Standard. He is undecided whether or not he will put out any cotton, but says a great acreage will be grown by his neighbors.

Twenty-eight head of hogs belonging to Oscar Royce, F. A. Keller, August Wessell and Kirby Tisdale were sold Thursday afternoon at a sale held at Little Valley Stock Farm, on Kingshighway, south. W. H. Heisserer of Benton was the heaviest buyer, taking 11 head. J. A. Beggs of Illinois was the next heaviest buyer, taking four head. R. A. McCord of Sikeston acted as the auctioneer. The sale lasted about three hours.—Cape Missourian.

Joseph L. Moore, retired lawyer and farmer, of Commerce, was in this city Friday, having brought down his daughter, Miss Martha Moore, who is a teacher in the Eugene Field school. Mr. Moore says he planted some cotton last year about April 20th and realized about \$68 gross on the acre, and had no previous experience with growing cotton. He thinks that cotton will be a winner for this section and will have a large acreage this year.—Charleston Courier.

SHOPMAN HELD FOR GUN DISPLAY

E. A. Jarrett, railroad shopman in the roundhouse of the Cotton Belt railroad at Fomfelt, was arrested Thursday night by Sheriff Wm. Kirkendall of Scott county and Butch Allen, marshal, after "flashing" a gun and disturbing the peace of several men in the barber shop of Elliot & Lloyd, Scott county officers reported.

Jarrett did not appear to be intoxicated, it is reported, but walked into the barber shop and drew his revolver. He then lined the patrons of the shop up against the wall and "told them a few things", it is said. After he had done this he left the shop but immediately returned into the shop and repeated his performance.

In the meantime a man was sent to get the constable to make the arrest. It is said that Jarrett relieved the officer of his weapon and lined him up with the others.

Later Sheriff Kirkendall was called and he, with the aid of the city marshal, arrested Jarrett and took him to Benton. It is reported that Jarrett filled a bond of \$1000.—Cape Missourian.

And Whose Fault?

Washington, January 27.—Time and events are clearly demonstrating that the fundamentals of the foreign policies of the late Democratic administration were sound. President Wilson prophetically foresaw the evil consequences of a failure of a just and prompt determination of German reparations, and in his first communication to Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on July 18, 1919, solicited the approval of a provisional representative of the United States on the Reparation Commission. The letter follows:

"My dear Senator: There are some things in connection with the execution of the treaty of peace which can hardly await the action of the several governments which must act with regard to the ratification of the treaty, and chief of these is the functioning of the Reparation Commission. It is of so much importance to the business interests of the United States, as well as to the nations with which we are associated, that the United States should be represented on that commission, and represented now while the work of the Commission is taking shape, that I am taking the liberty of writing to ask if you will not be kind enough to consult the Committee on Foreign Relations with regard to this particular appointment, and say to them that I would very much appreciate their approval of my appointment provisionally as a representative of the United States to act upon the Reparation Commission.

"WOODROW WILSON"

The best time to have dealt with the question of German reparations was when this letter was written. Not only was the request not granted but eight months later in order to forestall the appointment of an American representative on the Reparations Commission, Senator Lodge introduced a reservation providing that "no person is or shall be authorized to represent the United States, nor shall any citizen of the United States be eligible, as the member of any body or agency established or authorized by said treaty with Germany, except pursuant to an act of Congress of the United States providing for his appointment and defining his powers and duties".

As late as two years ago leaders of the Republican party, as well as every one else, saw that the world was at the cross-roads and that Europe was threatened with financial and economic chaos.

Already wedded to a policy of isolation the party now in power did nothing to avert the threatened disaster. It was not even imbued with an "enlightened selfishness" to protect the interests of the United States which would inevitably suffer as a result of Europe's complete breakdown.

Now that the supreme crisis has been reached what is that party doing? It is as lacking in a foreign policy now as then. It flies from or spurns anything and everything suggested. With the worst that can happen in Europe possible and probable, the attitude of the Republican administration is one of helplessness, and it seems animated only one moment by timidity and the next by perversity.

ANOTHER CROP FOR SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

W. J. Batson, of Spencer, Iowa, spent the greater part of last week in Sikeston looking over the country and securing acreage for the growing of Japanese Hull-less popcorn. Most everyone grows a few rows of popcorn for home use but to grow it by the hundreds of acres is a new idea. Mr. Batson is a popcorn broker and sells to every section of the United States and many foreign countries. His section lies along the border of Minnesota and while great acreage is planted up there it is frequently that early frosts cut the crop short or ruins it. This is the reason that he was down here. Our seasons are long and the popcorn down here can be planted the same time other corn is planted, matures 20 to 30 days earlier, and is ready for the market before any possible drought can affect it. From 2 to 5 ears grow to a stalk and the yield is from one to two tons per acre. The corn is sold on the cob f. o. b. cars and the past crop brought 20 per pound. At this rate popcorn will pay just about double what other corn will pay and the cash will come in week ahead of other corn crops.

The Standard would like to see this crop tried out down here and those interested can get full information by calling on the Sikeston Seed Co.

ACCEPTANCE OF FORD'S SHOALS OFFER IS URGED

Washington, January 26.—Acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals, provided no better offer is available and conditioned on the actual production of nitrogen for fertilizer at the rate of 40,000 tons a year, is recommended in a special report made to the American Farm Bureau Federation by Bernard M. Baruch, wartime chairman of the War Industries Board.

Baruch's letter said: "However great the pecuniary rewards might be to Mr. Ford or to anyone else who will undertake it, there will be added a contribution of almost inestimable value to the future of American agriculture and the safety of America in time of war".

Blind Pension Bill Passed

Jefferson City, January 26.—The Whitaker Blind Pension Bill, designed to tighten up the pension act, was passed today by the House. It provides for a graduated pension ranging from \$150 to \$300, depending upon the extent to which vision has been impaired, and excludes all persons who have an annual income of \$600 or more, own property valued in excess of \$5000, or whose husband or wife has such income of property.

The House previously passed the first bill to go upon final passage, a measure to increase the fees of persons, called out of the counties in which they reside, as witnesses in courts of record, from \$1.50 to \$2.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moll and children of Grand Chain, Ill. visited Mr. and Mrs. Birch Moll at their country home, Monday.

Aienzo Collier, 25 years of age, and Miss Alpha Edmondson, aged 26 were married by Justice Lescher in his office Wednesday, January 24.

The Company you have been waiting for "The Princess Stock Co." will be at the Malone Theatre all next week. In a repertoire of high class Royalty plays.

For several years Miss Annie Moore of Perkaskie, Pa., had suffered from stomach trouble. An X-ray revealed that she had two stomachs, both normal in size and function.

A few weeks ago two cows disappeared from Fred Freeman's farm, to be followed several days later by a horse, saddle and bridle. There is still a lot of available limbs left in the bottoms that would hold the carcass of a horse thief.

The Marib Hill Press has suspended publication. This leaves but one newspaper in Bollinger county, which is the Lutesville Banner, a Republican disseminator of the happenings of that county. The Banner is published by F. A. Wiggs, formerly a resident of this city. He published the Star some twenty years ago. According to information obtainable, the Press was unable to wiggle along longer. The expense was too great for the paper to live. Bollinger county is Republican and the bulk of the legal work went to the Banner and yet Wiggs said it was a struggle to hold his head above water.—Charleston Times.

SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce Ralph McCullough of Morley for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

We are authorized to announce Jno. H. Goodin of Benton for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

We are authorized to announce Chas. D. Harris for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923 election.

A Deplorable Incident

Some time during last night a man who we understand came here from Mississippi a few days ago for the purpose of securing negro labor to be returned to that state, and it is said, to be used in a sawmill plant, was set upon by thugs, it is said, beaten up and robbed in an alley in a more or less undesirable part of the town. It is said he was intoxicated—had been during the afternoon—and thus was a more or less easy mark for his assailants. The man, whose name we have not learned, was rather badly injured, so much so that medical attention was an immediate necessity, and he was removed as soon as discovered, to the city hall and later to a room at the Majestic hotel. He is said to have lost a considerable sum of money, which ostensibly was the inducement in his rough treatment.

While the deed was doubtless perpetrated by the ever-present low strata of society, which is found in every town of this size and even smaller, it is rumored that farmers who are interested in holding the negroes here may have been, if not instigators, at least well wishers to the project. We do not know that this is true and we certainly hope that it is not true—in fact, we refuse to believe it unless proof comes to light that it is, for its constitutes a blot upon the name of our city and community which is surely bad enough even if attributed to the lower element alone. The only thing which lends color to the rumor as mentioned is in the fact that many of our land owners and farmers have expressed themselves as being much opposed to the taking out of the negro labor, which is all right. They have a right to be opposed to it, but no man has a right in a law-abiding community to descend to such methods as this to discourage the practice of inducing the labor to leave.

Last fall it was necessary for our people to go into the southern states and secure negro labor to harvest the cotton crop here. Negroes by the hundreds were brought in and while this may have been against the wishes of the employers in the south, we have yet to learn of any agent from this community who received anything but curious treatment in any community he entered for this purpose. It is a poor rule which will not work both ways, and if this is the sort of treatment employers of labor from the south may expect from us, we should not object to being handed the same sort of package from our southern neighbors whenever we enter their territory on a similar mission.

We hope it is not true that any of our better class of people are even well wishers to such nefarious conduct for the further reason that many of our land holders are anxious to dispose of land and many hope to bring new settlers and home owners among us to improve the uncultivated lands of the county. A concerted movement has been made, headed by the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, with this object in view. With such unfavorable advertising as this we may well expect outsiders to be wary and chary about investing here and becoming residents among us. The persons who committed this despicable act should be brought to justice, and we hope they will be, and we feel confident that they, whether they be known or unknown, have the full condemnation of each and all of our best citizens.—Caruthersville Democrat.

The above article speaks for itself. The last issue of The Standard contained a story of the team work of a white man and negro preacher to induce negro cotton farmers to leave Southeast Missouri for their old homes further South. The negro preacher landed in Skeston the latter part of the week and appeared at the farms of C. C. Freeman, who has 27 negroes out there, and tried to persuade them to return home, but the parson was told by the negroes on Freeman's place that they knew what they were doing and for him to go on and attend to his own business. The interfering with help on the farm or in the home is a contemptible piece of business and should not be countenanced by respectable people.

JEFFERSON CITY LETTER

By Frank Armstrong

The Fifty-second General Assembly of the State of Missouri convened January 3. The miasma atmosphere about the stored and storied City of Jefferson cleared. The legislature had become Democratic. For two years murky clouds of lowering intelligence, and rotted and rank weeds of decadent thought, had made the Capitol a place of pest for those in whose veins raced the rich, red blood distilled by devotion to freedom and fair play. For twenty-four months the shades of Missouri's immortels, whose lives had lent luster to the history of our incomparable commonwealth, and who had been wont to return to the Capitol City each biennial period, as the Mohammedan pilgrims to his Mecca, had skirted by as if avoiding a lepers' isle. The unbending minds of these giants of intellect returned at the convening of this session. Their thought sturned in unison with those of the earth-bound worshippers of Jefferson, and a symphony that reached the smiling sun was sung to the restoration of Democracy's fallen fame.

At the preceding session, in the House of Representatives, a burr-headed black of St. Louis, who had beaten a white Republican woman for the office, stood at his desk, banked with flowers by loving admirers, and as nosegays distributed his gift to white men, and white women, and those of his own race—both male and female—amongst the foul feathers are black-desk to offer familiar congratulations. The beauty and fragrance of the flowers could not hasten the slow-witted mind of the Ethiopian, not the patting of soft hands pass away his pre-historic animism. To the mind, not Yankee-Republican trained, the monkey-like one was as much out of place as a black-topped rosin weed in the center of a bridal bouquet. The darkey was and is a symbol of the left wing of Missouri's Republican party. A black vulture's wing that beats with insistent force against the barriers of social equality. Interspersed amongst the foul feathers are blacker ones, signs of white men, and symbolic of white women; some of the latter are of the cantankerous, termagant kind, breeders of hates and brewers of quarrels—sexless, shrewish ones, who falsely flirt with our party.

At the convening of the Fifty-second General Assembly in the House of Representatives, a desk was piled high with flowers—tributes of unutterable esteem for a Kansas City Democratic Representative. The recipient is petite and profound, lovely and learned—a winsome wee thing, a bonnie wee thing, an airy, fairy one, who emanates radiance of femininity, ruddy with rubies of reason, and scintillating with jewels of judgments. She is a true representative and real type of the left wing of the Democratic party, a composite of the home-loving, child-loving, and party-loving womanly woman—a man's woman—God's last and most gracious gift to this sphere. She is a Democrat from the tips of her dainty slippers to the peak of her crown of glory. She is the right plume of the left wing of Missouri's Good Old Democratic party. She is the Hon. Sallie Turner—Our Sallie—Our Ally.

Southeast Missouri, that section comprising the 21st and 23d Senatorial Districts, has been wonderfully nursed by nature. It is the fairest land 'neath the blue-bending skies; it has the most perfect folks this side the gates of Paradise. Perhaps, because it became God's first foot stool upon this earth and because He loved His feet in its countless springs of Plerian Common-sense, it has been so lavishly blessed with superior Democratic women and men, sweetest flowers and forests, noble nobles and most fertile soils. Owing to the vacancy of senatorship, now existing in the 21st District, Senator Tillman W. Anderson of the 23d District is the bright star around which clusters the Democratic members of the House of Representatives, representing the two districts. Senator Anderson sheds his splendor of personality and waves of wisdom, while withholding all the modesty of a school maiden. It is not his policy to introduce any bills, but to watch for and assist in destroying the bad laws and supporting the good ones. The Southeastern Missourians have been wrought into a bloc, primarily for the purpose of organization relative to a betterment of the drainage laws. By reason of his ability, and seniority in legislation, the Hon. Casper Edwards of Dunklin County, is the bloc's leader. Among other things it purposes to reduce the cost of collection of the drainage taxes from 24 per cent per annum to 8 per cent; to correct the inequalities now permitted by law against the rights of remonstrators. This gallant group will also regulate as far as possible the entrenched Republican system of spoils, extravagant waste, bureau and department government, negro social equality, etc.

The worthy allies of Senator Anderson and Representative George W. Stivers are Representative John H. Lehr of Carter and Representatives of the 23rd District, the Hon. Charles D. Mitchell of Mississippi County, the Hon. Elson Proffer of New Madrid, the Hon. Hans E. Doerner of Pemiscot, the Hon. Fred L. Ogilvie of Scott and William L. Tucker of Stoddard.

Time and tide waits for no man. Neither does the stork. It is whispered around that he will be a very busy old bird in Skeston during the year 1923. In some homes he will be more than welcome and other he will not. The arrival of the stork has been a great blessing to many families while to others it has brought distress. May the old bird in future use his judgment where best to visit.

The Herrin Massacre Condoned

"Not guilty" was the verdict given yesterday by the jury in the Herrin massacre case. The State cannot appeal and the finding is final as to the particular defendants who were tried and the particular crime for which they were tried. It leaves the guilty unplaced and the guilty unscathed.

The clearing of five persons who would never have been heard of outside of their own little communities but for their reputed complicity in a crime which shocked the country is not in itself a matter of great importance, but the further trampling under foot of the law of the State involved in the unfortunate ending of the first of the massacre cases is very important.

The verdict is not a mere acquittal of these men, it is justification and glorification of the crime they were accused, and are still accused under other indictments, of committing. In spite of Judge Hartwell's vehement repudiation of even a shadow of mitigation, the conclusion is unescapable that not five obscure persons but the Herrin crime was tried by the jury and found "not guilty."

The verdict, in view of the State's direct and positive testimony and the defense's equivocal plea of justification, which was equivalent to confession, and its inconclusive alibi, inconsistent with the claim of justification, was surprising and disappointing. With the spurious issue of justification swept away by the Court's "murder or nothing" instruction and with the defense admitting the presence of the defendants, in contravention of its own alibi, it did not seem possible that 12 honest men could err in placing guilt where it belonged.

The one reassurance in the whole disappointing mess is that the State purposes to carry on and that the accused who yesterday were freed by Williamson County jury, and others to be joined with them, are to face the bar of justice in a second trial.—Post-Dispatch.

The Missouri Federation of Co-operation Live Stock Shippers met at Columbia during Farmers' Week and elected the following directors: W. W. Fuqua, Monroe City; L. L. Worthman, Chula; C. A. Sackrey, Charleston; H. M. Phillips, Palmyra. Three more directors will be appointed by the executive committee of the Farm Bureau Federation within the next few weeks. This board will then choose from their own number officers for the ensuing year. The live stock shipping program at Farmers' Week was well attended, and this phase of cooperative marketing throughout the state gives evidence of steady and consistent progress.

The editor heard a thoughtless remark on the street the other day that was personal. It was that "So-and-So is looking mighty seedy these days". That remark will fit almost everyone these days. The editor for one, tho' more or less frosted and frayed, would like to wear better clothes and be better barbered and groomed, but it takes money. We couldn't enjoy these blessings knowing that we got them on credit and was owing almost everybody. We would think everyone that we owed would say: "Why doesn't he pay his bills instead of putting it all on his back". With these thoughts in mind we would rather look seedy than to spruce up on credit. Frayed garments that are clean are a badge of honor these days for it is a sure sign that the wearer is trying to live within his means.

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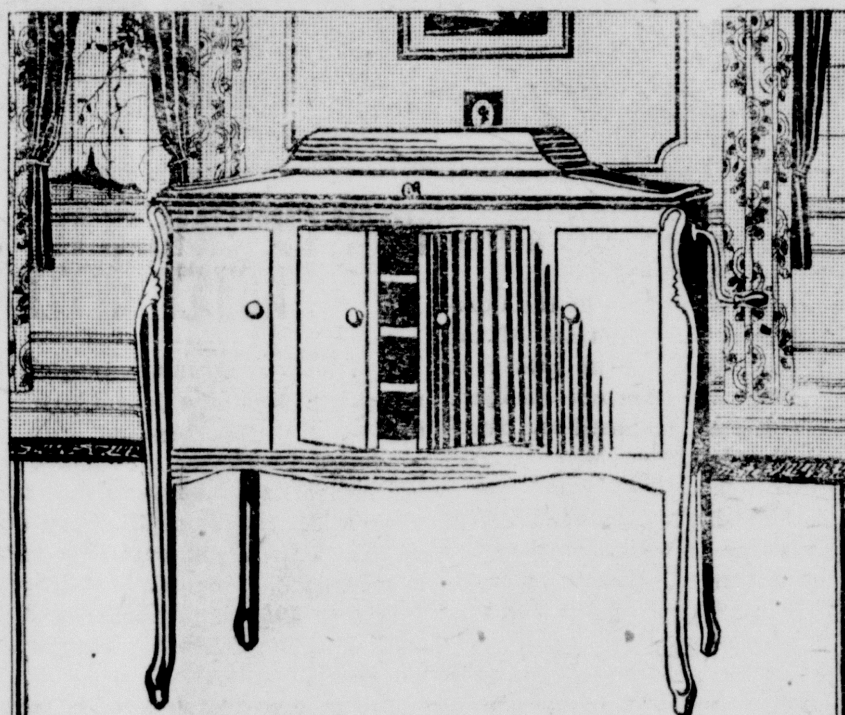
Flowers for All Occasions

Did you ever stop to think that perhaps the big financiers of Germany like Hugo Stinnes and others are doing no little to keep down the price of the German mark? They pay off their workmen in the worthless German mark and sell their goods for British and American gold. Pretty good business, when you come to think about it.

We suppose every town has a certain number of petty thieves who carry off everything they can find lose in and around automobiles. Skeston seems to have her share of these gentlemen and they have been particularly annoying of late. It seems a pity that the officers cannot catch these fellows and give them a good jail sentence. The whipping post would be the punishment that they deserve.

The Standard again calls attention to the officers of the law in Skeston to the ordinance covering vagrancy. We believe if a man or boy who cannot show that he has a legitimate means of support, that he should be looked after under this ordinance. The curfew law might be invoked to advantage and if worked in conjunction with the vagrancy ordinance might be a forward step in keeping down a lot of petty pilfering that is going on. It is a mighty hard knock on the town for suit cases to be stolen from tourists cars right on Front street and no trace found.

One's pocketbook is the surest way to touch him. The Standard's paragraphs as to negro families in this vicinity have been actuated purely and simply by the desire to give these people every opportunity to develop the cotton industry in this community. It is absolutely necessary for the salvation of the farmer, the merchant and every tradesman, to produce something on the farm that will bring quick returns and sufficient to pay taxes, interest and his debts. The more wheat and corn he has raised of late years, the deeper in debt he became. Those who had fields of cotton last year made good money from it which has encouraged many to prepare for a large acreage this year. The negro of the South is the man that knows how to raise the crop and with his large family can gather it economically. The Standard editor does not believe in social equality of the white and black races, neither do these Southern negroes, so why should a few people object to securing the assistance of the man who can help us out of our financial difficulties.



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Why go without, why deny your home the benefit and comfort of good music? For a surprisingly modest sum, you can begin at once to own your own Victrola. Come in today, select any model you want and we will deliver it at once. When it is so convenient to own a Victrola on our plan, you owe it to your family and yourself to get yours NOW. Why delay? Come in.

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I have several head of good work mules for sale. Also wagons, mowers, binders and other machinery. Term can be satisfactory.

Claud Johnson, Route 3, Skeston, Mo.

Two lads were locked in the city jail Friday for breaking into a house. The third party had left town. Two of the three are on parole from the reform school and are certain of a term in the penitentiary. The boys who loaf and want to be sports have got to steal to get by. If the undertaker could have been called soon after birth, parents of such boys would be saved of heartaches and sorrow.

The Missouri Farm Bureau has announced the election of the following officers for 1923: President, John L. Boland, Wester Groves; vice president, L. W. Monsess, Pettis County. New members of the Executive Committee are: J. W. Head, Marion County; Mrs. C. C. Schuttler, St. Francois County; Mrs. Harry Sneed, Pettis County. Directors to represent Missouri in the National Federation are: Mrs. W. O. Redgord, Warrensburg and L. L. Fitch of Linn County.

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The Hohenzollern, once the palatial pleasure yacht of the former German Emperor, is being fitted out as a trade ship by the German Government. It will be sent on a cruise to the British dominions.

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A splendid 313 acre tract in Sullivan County, Missouri; well improved and in a high state of cultivation to exchange for land in Southeast Missouri.

267½ acres in Sullivan County, Missouri. Nicely improved and one of the best stock and grain farms in that section. Want land in Southeast Missouri.

\$150,000 worth of good second deeds of trust on fine Missouri farms. Will trade all or part for improved or unimproved land in Southeast Missouri.

A fine tract of 211 acres in Mercer County, Missouri with a new 7-room bungalow and good outbuildings. This tract joins the Iowa line and is in a section where there is always a demand for a farm of this kind.

394 acre stock and grain farm in Boone County, Missouri. This is not far from the State University. Will trade this for land in Southeast Missouri. Want improved farm in Southeast Missouri.

400 acres in Pike County, Missouri. This is in a drainage district and is in a high state of cultivation. Nearly 300 acres in wheat; one-half of which goes to the landlord, the balance for corn the coming season. The soil is rich Mississippi bottom land. Fair improvements, splendid location. This tract is about 65 miles from St. Louis. Would exchange this for large tract of cut-over land in Southeast Missouri.

Over \$100,000 worth of stock in a reciprocal Insurance Exchange located in Kansas City. This stock has paid as high as 40%. Will put in this and some money on a good Southeast Missouri farm. Must be well located and good improvements.

Town property wanted in exchange for an improved 80 acre tract close to a splendid market town in Scott County. Want property in Skeston or any good Southeast Missouri town.

Improved Southeast Missouri farm wanted in exchange for a 200 acre dairy proposition in Tulare County, California. 100 head of fine Holstein, lot of other stock and tools, machinery, etc. Over \$8,000 year received from sale of milk. This is high class property and you can make a splendid deal if you have something good here to offer in exchange.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

L. Deane went to Sikeston Monday on business.

G. F. Deane is attending court in New Madrid.

Mrs. Louis Hunott was a Sikeston visitor Friday.

Mrs. S. S. Surface was on the sick list last week.

G. D. Steel went to Canolou Monday on business.

Mrs. Naoma Hall is very sick this week with the flu.

Ma and Mrs. Jenkins were Sikeston visitors Monday.

Mrs. Presnell of Canolou was in Matthews Saturday.

W. S. Waters of New Madrid was in Matthews Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby motored to New Madrid Monday.

Harry Dover of Sikeston was in Matthews Monday on business.

Royal Alsop and Fred Belt went to Sikeston Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Dora Waters visited relatives in Sikeston a few days last week.

John Graham went to Liloun Friday on business, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz and Chas. Granger motored to Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Moss of Caruthersville is visiting with relatives in Matthews this week.

Misses Sarah Allen and Genevieve Bazan of New Madrid were in Matthews Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Waters and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Water's mother, Mrs. Roe Hill.

Mr. Grabenhorst, president of the Canolou Bank, was in our city a few minutes Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Daugherty were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Daugherty Sunday.

Mrs. Amos Buchanan of Sikeston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill, Sunday.

Miss Ella Brumfield of White Oak is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Gossitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belt and children spent Saturday and Sunday in Sikeston with relatives.

Misses Mary James and Alma Woodruff spent Sunday with Misses Marie and Mary Deane.

Mrs. R. H. Byrd is spending the week in New Madrid with her daughter, Mrs. O. K. Mainord.

Miss Nora Hall of St. Louis spent a few days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Naoma Hall.

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, who has been very ill is reported much better.

Mrs. Elizaeth Gurley returned to her home in St. Louis Sunday after a brief visit with friends in Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons Sunday.

Miss Camille Hill, who is attending school at Sikeston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill.

Mrs. Earl Swartz returned home Saturday from Urbana, Ill., where she has been about six weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGee and little son Ralph, spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Loy Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randolph and little son of Pharris Ridge spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Nannie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Caldwell and babe of Sikeston spent Sunday with Mrs. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks.

Mrs. Alent Deane and little daughter Helen and Mrs. Loy Roberts motored to Sikeston Monday afternoon on business.

Mr. Metzger and two daughters, Misses Mayme and Elva of Hayti spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and little daughter of New Madrid spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Steele.

Mrs. G. F. Deane and daughters, Misses Alice and Frankie, daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alert Deane and little daughter spent Saturday in New Madrid with Mrs. Aubrey Lumit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alville Fulkerson of Farrenburg and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutton of this place spent Sunday with Mrs. Fulkerson's and Mrs. Sutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and little daughter Majola, and son Billie and Mr. Metzger and two daughters, Misses Mayme and Elva of Hayti, spent Sunday in East Prairie with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Russell.

Riley Matheena, living on the farm of James Gossitt, two miles east of Matthews, died Saturday, January 27, with pneumonia, after a short illness. He leaves a wife and one small child to mourn his death. He was buried at Big Opening graveyard Sunday.

Attention, Homer Decker

Fletcher Henstep was a caller at the Tidings office while in Tickville last Saturday, trying to get his paper stopped.

Encomiums of praise is now going out for the Tickville Steam Laundry, as it has a man's shirt and collar ready for him last week on the day they were promised.

Yam Sims has often read that fish was a fine brain food, but that he saw Cricket Hicks eat 35 cents worth at Bounding Billows Wednesday without showing any signs of improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Schreff have moved to their home on Kendall street.

SKESTON GIRLS WIN FROM POPLAR BLUFF 12 TO 10

The girls' basketball team met the Poplar Bluff girls on the local court Friday night of last week and were victorious by two points, the score being 12 to 10.

The game opened with both teams determined to be the victorious one. It was plain to be seen from the start that our girls outclassed the opposing team.

Our star forward, Hilma Black, proved her efficiency in throwing free goals. At the end of the first half the score stood six to one in our favor. Thanks to the ability of our star guards, Lena Platt and Lottie Dovers.

The second half opened with Poplar Bluff team more determined than ever, as their playing showed renewed pep. Unfortunately Lena Platt was hurt and had to be taken out.

Ruby Richards replaced Lena at guard and Dorothy Lillard replaced Ruby at running center.

The other members of the team deserve honorable mention for their excellent playing.

Poplar Bluff scored six points in the last four minutes of the game, making the game a very close one.

Thus it ended in Sikeston's favor 12 to 10.

First Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School. Classes for all ages and grades. Come and help the school to grow.

11:00—Morning Worship. Spiritual songs and prayer followed by preaching of the word: "The Christian and the Holy Spirit".

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. meets for Bible Study and social worship. The study that we may serve is our motto.

7:30—Evening Worship. Song service led by the choir. The pastor will preach the word.

We invite you to worship with us.
REV. S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed motored down from Berton Saturday and returned Sunday.

Levi Cook, who has been in Mississippi for the past several weeks, has returned to Sikeston.

Mrs. Sallie Stanley, who lives about six miles east of this city, has been granted the privilege of a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, says the Index. Mrs. Stanley has been a member of the church for years and has been of great service to her community. She is the first woman in Stockard county, and probably in Southeast Missouri, to receive such papers. They were authorized by the District Conference held in St. Louis a few weeks ago. Only a few women in the Methodist denomination are granted license to preach and Mrs. Stanley happens to be one of the few.

Mr. and Mrs. Collie of Prairie street have a new son at their house, born last week.

The Co-Workers will have their regular meeting in the Methodist church parlors. A large attendance is requested as the ladies will tack comforts.

The Federal Trade Commission was directed by the Senate to make a sweeping investigation into all branches of the cotton industry, including production, marketing and mill operations.

The Elm Grove Farm shipped to Mrs. A. S. B. Smith, Dexter, Mo., two Barred Rock cockerels Tuesday of this week. They also delivered to Mrs. G. R. Harper of Sikeston, one cockerel. They have one dozen hens for sale.

One of the twins of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Atkinson, age 1 year and 3 months, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday afternoon. The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson in the loss of their little one.

W. E. Shankle has purchased the property just west of the Singer Machine Shop, from Mr. Frank Sikes. Mr. Shankle is planning to move the house that is on the lot to the back part of same, and make a 8-room stucco home and the front part of the lot will be occupied by a brick store room 20x50 which will be used as his Singer Machine Shop, which will be a big improvement over the old building on West Center street.

A. B. Proffer has received a kit of carpenter's tools that belonged to his father and were the kind in use before the Civil War. One the inside of the chest is the words "George Proffer 1869". There are all sorts of planes, those for tongue and groove work, for mouldings and straight cut work. These planes had wood set screws and could be regulated to a hair. George Proffer was born in Cape Girardeau County, but moved to Stockard County, where he lived until his death at the age of 82 years.

John Walker died on Thursday of last week of meningitis following the flu, and was buried Sunday afternoon in the Sikeston cemetery, Rev. S. P. Brite conducting the funeral services. Mr. Walker leaves a wife and five children to mourn his passing. They are Thos. Walker, living in Fresno, Calif., who was unable to attend the funeral; Miss Kathryn, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Orland, who lives in Arkansas and Winsel of Cape Girardeau, who were at home for the funeral. A little daughter, Wanda Lee, age 5 years completes the immediate family. Bennett Walker is a brother of the deceased. Mr. Walker has been a resident of this community for the past several years and was one of our substantial farmers. The many friends of the family join The Standard in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Miss Freda Reese spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Bell and daughter, Mrs. Reuben Becker, left Sunday to be at the bedside of Mrs. Bell's son, who is in a critical condition at Waukegan, Ill.

Felix Le Sieur, of the Cape Missouri, spent the week-end with his wife in this city. He will move to Cape as soon as he is able to secure suitable quarters.

Miss Jack Albright of Sikeston enrolled this week as a student in the Chillicothe Business College at Chillicothe, for the work in the stenographic Department of that institution.

The Sikeston Concrete Tile & Construction Co. are making alteration to the interior of the E. C. Matthews home. They will remodel the interior of the Murray Klein home recently purchased on South Kingshighway and make it modern in every way.

Roy C. Mitchell, 30 years of age, an engineer of the Highway Department of this District and working in Perry and Ste. Genevieve Counties, was injured in an elevator in St. Louis last week from which he died an hour later. The body was taken to Union City, Tenn., for burial.

The top of the hog market Wednesday was \$8.90 in St. Louis. Nothing the farmer can raise has held its own since the war as the hog. Sikes & Renner's Duroc sale February 20, and C. L. Blanton & Sons' sale of Poland Chinas, February 27, will offer an opportunity for the farmer to purchase bred sows and gilts right at home at their own price.

"Pat", the big collie dog who has been a boarder at the Blanton house for the past two years, is no more, having cashed in Tuesday afternoon. Ten days ago he was out in dog society, when the leader of the bunch, "Nancy Lee", was shot by a farmer. The gun scattered considerable and Pat got a few bird shot through his innards, so the post mortem showed. He was laid away in the shade of the trees at Elm Grove Farm late Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Potashnick is home from St. Louis, where she went for a visit with her son, Harry McGee, who is in a hospital taking treatment for a shattered hip one received by a pistol ball while stationed at Poplar Bluff with the National Guard. It was first thought the bullet had missed the bone, but an X-ray showed that the bone had been splintered and healed in such a way that made the wounded leg shorter than the other. The hospital surgeons are using a weight in an attempt to cause the healed bone to separate so they can remove the splinters. Though only a lad, Harry is a real soldier, and it has taken grit and courage to go through what he has. Here's hoping that he will soon be able to return home as good as new.

Miss Golda Fowler visited in Cairo Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Over the Hills to the Poor House" played by The Princess Stock Co. at the Malone Theatre next Monday night.

Miss Catherine Walker of Cincinnati, formerly of this city, was here Friday, enroute to Morehouse, Mo., where she was called by the serious illness of her father, John Walker.—Cairo Citizen.

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon with a splendid attendance. After the regular business was concluded the Club decided to have a book show for the grade school. Mrs. Lynn Stallcup with Mrs. Roy V. Ellise and Mrs. Moore Greer will sponsor same. Mrs. C. C. White and Mrs. L. O. Rodas gave a splendid report of the District Meeting held in Farmington in November. The program for the afternoon with Mrs. C. C. White as leader, assisted by Mrs. G. A. Dempster, Mrs. Joe Stubbs, Jr., and Mrs. Newton was a very enjoyable program. The next meeting will be an open meeting and Prof. Douglass of the Southeast Missouri Teachers College of Cape Girardeau, will speak.

MALONE THEATRE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5th

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

"Steve's Pal"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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PRISON TERM GIVEN WOMAN

New Madrid, January 27.—Mrs. Myrtle Williams, charged with the murder of her husband, Joe, several months ago at Gideon, pleaded guilty to a modified charge of man-slaughter in circuit court here Friday and was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary.

The case has been continued a number of times.

Mrs. Williams was charged with stabbing her husband to death during an argument between them. Williams was a laborer, employed by the Gideon-Anderson Lumber Company, at Gideon.

TWO HOGS WORTH MORE THAN \$100,000

Memphis, Tenn., January 29.—Pine Crest Farm at Charleston, Miss., owned by Col. Tom James, famous Mississippi planter, has bought the Duroc Jersey boar, Jackson Orion King.

To the average farmer and to the layman the announcement carries nothing particularly significant, but to the swine world it is great news.

Jackson Orion King, one of the great family of Orion Cherry Kings, is the boar for which Hugh White of Columbus, Miss., paid \$32,000 less than three years ago.

More interesting, however, is the news that this famous purple-blooded prince of swinedom is to be a herd mate of famous Scissors. Scissors is the hog for which Col. James coolly refused \$75,000 cash less than three years ago.

In other words, Pine Crest Farm now is the home of two hogs worth more than \$100,000.

Architect Lindsay attended to professional business in Charleston and Bridgiss Monday.

Prof. Seneca, of the Southeast Missouri Teachers College, Cape Girardeau will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Skeston High School this year.

A rather peculiar incident occurred at the Marsh saw mill here last Tuesday. An oak log about 28 inches in diameter was on the carriage, and while cutting a line near the center of the log the saw struck a hard substance, which was evidenced by flying sparks and the unusual noise made by the saw. Upon examination it was found that the saw had struck a pocket knife. The knife, which had a blade about three inches long, seemed to be in a well preserved condition except for the damage the saw had inflicted. Harold Marsh says that the long was sound and had no holes nor rotten places in it. Just how the knife became imbedded ten inches deep in a sound oak tree is a thing we shall not attempt to explain, but that the knife was there is a fact that has been established by the best of evidence.—Greenville Sun.

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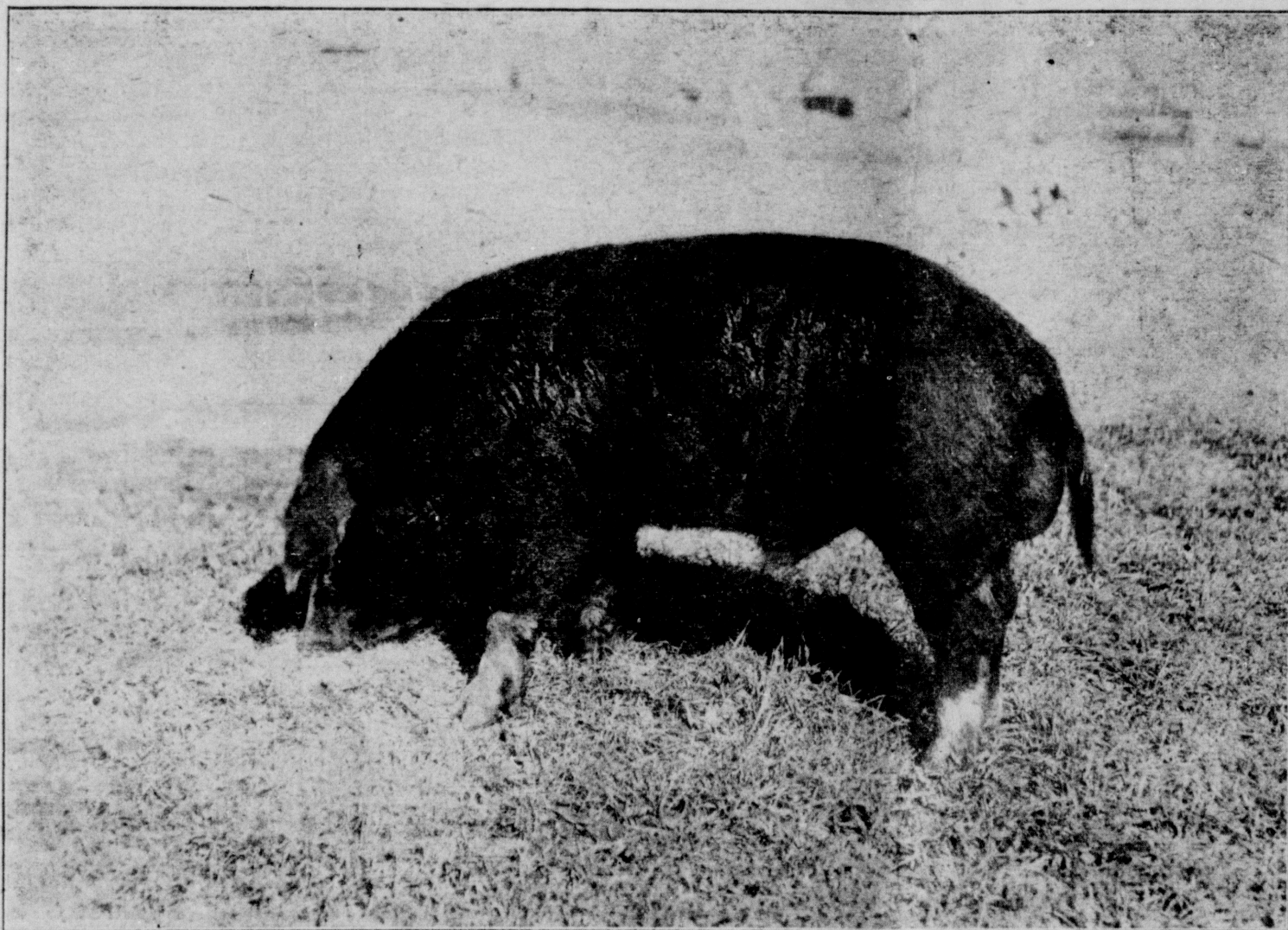
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The Alter Society of the Catholic Church met with Mrs. George Middleton Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mable Mocabee left Wednesday for Oklahoma, to join Mr. Mocabee for an indefinite stay.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Matthews, who has been ill, is improving, we are glad to report.

Congress will soon be hearing from 8,000,000 American farmers unless it gives consideration to Henry Ford's offer for leasing Muscle Shoals. Representative Sandlin, Democrat, of Louisiana, said in the House Monday, He declared the bill had been held up too long and that there was a growing demand for action one way or the other.

The Miner Community meeting held January 19 was reported to have been a very interesting one. The live stock chairman reported excellent results with the worm remedy handled by the Farm Bureau. Mr. Reiss reported that he had gotten an ice cream factory man who would look over the District with a view of establishing a factory in Skeston. It was decided to set trees out on the community grounds and Messrs. Wilson, Grigsby and Porter were appointed as a committee to see that it was done. A general discussion of cotton and cotton marketing was held with W. H. Tanner leading. At the next meeting on February 9, peanuts will be the topic. The annual election of officers will be held.

To the Retail Merchants of Communities served by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company:

Have you heard of the golden opportunity that will be yours in Hotel Statler, of St. Louis, on February 6, 7 and 8, when the "Move More Merchandise Conference" will be held in conjunction with the Seventh District Conference of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World? Well, you have the tip now, in any event, and here are a few of the reasons why you should avail of this opportunity to go to St. Louis for this exceptional occasion:

(1) There will be extraordinary educational features in the form of actual business getting methods and demonstrations for retail merchants, including store display and arrangement, show window display, show card writing, newspaper advertisement writing, discussions on cost accounting and turnover, how to make effective use of retail sales help, using the manufacturers' circulars to greater advantage, etc. All of this work will be under the direction of the foremost authorities and experts in the various lines of merchandising effort.

(2) There will be thirty speakers of national prominence, who know the problems of the retailer, to talk on up-to-the-minute retail subjects—such men as Fred P. Mann, Devil's Lake, N. D., George W. Hopkins, Sales Manager, Columbia Graphophone Co., R. E. Shannon, Washington, Iowa, Gov. Sam'l. R. McKelvie of Nebraska and many others.

(3) You are anxious, naturally, to improve your business methods, to better serve your patrons, and to increase your volume of sales. To accomplish these things you can profit very substantially at this St. Louis conference by the expert advice of specialists whose studies and experiences have qualified them as authorities in propounding the latest and most effective methods of modern store operations, and in the processes of the most effective contact and co-operation with manufacturers and wholesalers.

(4) There will be special railroad fares on basis of one and one-half the round-trip rate, on certificate plan, tickets to be on sale in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Memphis, Tennessee, February 2-8 inclusive, bearing final return limit of February 12th.

COME TO ST. LOUIS—for this eventful Conference and you will take back home with you not only "a big bundle of big ideas", but, as well, a whole lot of inspiration that will, in their application and reaction, reap substantial profits for you.

For further information, address the Secretary of the Advertising Club of St. Louis, Hotel Statler, St. Louis.

At Alto Cruceiro, in Bolivia, water freezes every night of the year, while at noonday the sun is sometimes hot enough to blister the flesh.

The cut of lumber is decreasing in all the Eastern States; in practically every State west of the Great Plains it is increasing, says the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The principal source of softwood lumber for the entire Nation will soon have shifted to the West Coast and the average freight cost paid by the home builder or manufacturer will have advanced to a new and higher level.

PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING SCOTT COUNTY BUREAU

Benton, February 5:
9:30—Meeting called to order by President.

Reading of minutes of last meeting by Secretary.

President's address, Albion Anderson.

Report of Treasurer, W. H. Heisserer.

Report of County Agent, W. E. Foard.

Report of Poultry Work, J. J. Reiss.

10:30—Report of Live Stock Shipping Work.

Oran Shipping Ass'n., Simon Bollinger, Mgr.

Commerce Shipping Ass'n., Carl Luper, Mgr.

Sikeston Shipping Ass'n., Phil Renner, Mgr.

11:00—Report of State Farm Bureau Meeting, L. A. Schott, delegate.

Report of Melon Association, Morey Gaty, Mgr.

Report of Sunflower Growers Ass'n., R. H. Bierschwal, Mgr.

Report of dress form work at Commerce, Mrs. Joe Ellis.

Report of millinery and dress form work at Morley, Mrs. C. C. Bryeans.

12:00 to 1:00—Lunch served by ladies of Benton.

1:00—Election of officers.

1:30—Stunt by Minner Community.

Talk—Woman's Part in Farm Bureau, Mrs. Louis Watkins.

Talk—The Farmer's Opportunity, Father C. Moenig.

2:00—Orderly Marketing of Cotton, J. D. Coghlan.

3:00—Address, Prof. A. J. Meyer, College of Agriculture.

Come in time to start promptly at 9:30. If we can start on time the program will not consume all the time and there will be given a chance to take up special matters that any member may care to present.

It Was Too Much

A trial was going on in a courthouse of a little Southern town. One of the witnesses was a black negro, who evidently had been coached by his lawyer and told exactly what to say when called upon.

Everything worked all right until the negro got on the stand and saw the crowd of faces looking at him. Then he seemed to be overcome with a species of stage fright. His lawyer, Mr. Richard, shook his eyeglasses in the direction of the witness, whom he had coached so faithfully, and said in an impressive tone: "Now, Rufus, tell the Court and jury everything you know about this case!"

Rufus, looking terrified, started in, but surprised everybody with the answer: "Ladies and gentlemen, when I staided fo' de cout house dis mawin' dey wuz only two people in de world dat knew what I wuz to say—me and Mistah Richard. Now Mistah Richard am de only one that knows!"

In India the educated women, belonging to the well-to-do families, devote themselves to philanthropic activities of one kind or another.

A wedding in Afghanistan is followed by much noise and merry-making, the idea being that the more noise that is made the more successful the marriage will be.

Special care is required to keep milking machines clean so that they will not be a source of contamination for the milk that passes through them. After many tests the United States Department of Agriculture has decided that the heat method—that is, the use of hot water at a temperature of 160 degrees to 170 degrees F—is much better for sterilization than solutions such as chlorin or salt and chlorin. The salt-chlorin solution was found to be no better than the plain chlorin solution.

FEED REQUIRED TO FATTEN CARLOAD OF LIVESTOCK

How much feed does it take to fatten a carload of cattle, hogs, or sheep? Here are some figures based on investigations by the United States Department of Agriculture:

Six hundred bushels of corn and 17 tons of hay will fatten 250 lambs weighing 55 pounds each and make them weigh 80 pounds. This will make 1 double-deck carload.

Four hundred and fifty bushels of corn and 2750 pounds of tankage or fish meal will fatten 70 hogs averaging 100 pounds, to 200 pounds, making 1 carload.

One thousand one hundred bushels of corn, 10 tons of alfalfa hay, and 5 tons of straw will fatten 20 steers averaging 850 pounds making them gain 325 pounds each in 180 days. This is an average carload.

A Lesson For Missouri

The Missouri State Highway Commission and others responsible for the expenditure of this State's \$60,000,000 road fund might find profit in a study of New Jersey's recent experiences, with a \$40,000,000 fund voted for the same purposes.

Gov. Silzer has removed the eight members of the State's Highway Commission and in a report to the Legislature declares there has been gross profiteering by favored contractors. It appears to have been the practice to call for a "patent" paving in closed specifications. The bids were \$2.35 a square yard, while other sheet asphalt of as good quality could have been had at \$1.50. This difference of 85 cents, Gov. Silzer pointed out, would have amounted to a scheme had not been ripped in the bud. He recommends a change in the State road laws to provide for open specifications. He also attacked the cement combination, which, he said, had run up the price of its product from 60 cents to \$2 a barrel. As a remedy for this he urges fresh prosecution in the Federal courts under the antitrust laws.

It cannot be doubted that the same influences will be at work in Missouri and familiarity with their practices is highly desirable if the people are to get value received for the outlay.—Post-Dispatch.

Pete Renner transacted business in Bloomfield Monday.

Clovers makes excellent feed whether used as pasture, as hay, or as silage crops. Because of the high protein content they are valuable for growing animals and a good supplement to corn. One ton of clover hay, says the United States Department of Agriculture, has a feeding value for fattening animals equal to 1½ tons of timothy hay, three-fourths ton of shelled corn, or two-thirds ton of wheat bran.

The soy bean can be grown successfully with corn and is becoming a very popular crop in the Corn Belt, as it can be hogged down and helps to balance the ration of corn. It can be grown on a wide range of soils, but inoculation is necessary when it is grown for the first time, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The hay from this crop contains a high percentage of protein and is palatable. This plant adds a great deal to the value of silage when it is grown with silage corn.

In the past 15 years the United States Department of Agriculture has conducted breeding experiments in which 34,000 guinea pigs were used. As a result of this work it has been found that inbreeding weakens the animals in many respects and that by crossing the inbred families there is a rapid improvement, some of the improvements being at the maximum in the first generation. The crossbred animals resulting were even better than the random-bred families that were used as checks on the inbred families.

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Annual Meeting of Skeston Live Stock Association

The annual meeting of the Skeston Live Stock Shipping Association will be held at the City Hall in Skeston Tuesday, February 6th. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 p. m.

The Skeston Live Stock Shipping Association has shipped approximately forty cars of live stock since their organization about one year ago. They have a membership of about seventy-three farmers who use this Association. The farmers are saving considerable money by shipping thru their organization and selling on the St. Louis market.

Officers and the Board of Directors are to be elected at this meeting. The manager of the Live Stock Association will give his report of last year's business.

Cotton Gin at Malden

The farmers in the vicinity of Malden are holding a meeting on Friday, February 2nd. This meeting will be held in the afternoon and the farmers propose to organize this gin company under the Co-operative Law. M. F. Ehlers of New Madrid, President of the Farmers Gin Company, will discuss the proposition with the men at this meeting.

This meeting has been called by the Dunklin County Farm Bureau.

New Madrid Boys Lose

Playing a game which resulted in a good practice for our local boys, New Madrid boys lost, score 70-4.

In the first half Skeston's second team, with the exception of Johnny Fox, held their opponents to a 28 to 4 score. The line-up remained the same throughout the half.

The first team went in the second half to finish the job, and accomplished their purpose as the game ended 70 to 4, in favor of Skeston.

Both teams played exceptionally clean basketball, but the New Madrid team was too small and slow for our more experienced players. The fans were convinced of a winning boys' basketball team next year by the good showing made by the second team boys.

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe in first class condition. Inquire at Standard office. tf.

FOR SALE—14 hives of bees in good condition. See or phone O. R. Fahrenkopf, 464. 2tp.

FOR SALE—4 pure bred Rhode Island Red cockerels, \$1.50 each.—Elmer Frazier, Seed Store. ltpd.

FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Also two rooms to rent not furnished.—304 S. Kingshighway.

LOST or STOLEN—Brown Ranger bicycle. Taken from High School Monday, January 15. Reward for return.—John Putnam, 500 Prosperity St.

HOTEL FOR SALE—Reasonable, 24 rooms. Only first class hotel in town of 4000. Reason for selling, sickness.—Mrs. J. R. Ragdsdale, Chaffee, Mo. 3t

WANTED—Man with car to sell complete line low priced TIRES AND TUBES. \$100.00 per week and expenses. Sterlingworth Tire Co., 2531 Sterling, E. Liverpool, Ohio.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—One light bay mare with blaze face, one dark bay mare, small white spot on right foreleg. Liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery. See or phone Albert L. Adams, Portageville, Mo. ltpd.

FORMER CANCER SUFFERER ENJOYS PERFECT HEALTH

Sheldon, Mo., Man Tells How Others Can Quickly Get Rid of Affliction

No one would ever suspect that W. H. Duncan, Sheldon, Mo., resident, was once the victim of a very bad cancer on his neck. He says he enjoys perfect health now, and he looks it.

Mr. Duncan says he was permanently cured by a mild medical treatment discovered by Dr. O. A. Johnson, noted specialist of Kansas City. "I cannot speak too highly of Dr. Johnson's treatment," he says. "It is now thirteen years since he cured me. I have never had any symptoms of return."

The treatment referred to was perfected by Dr. Johnson after nearly twenty-five years of cancer study and research. It entirely does away with surgery. Purely medicinal measures are employed; that is, external applications to destroy the cancer and internal medication to purify the blood. The treatment is very mild and usually requires only two to six weeks.

Full information about the method and its success may be obtained in a new edition of a 168-page book, "Cancer Truths," which will be sent free to anyone interested. Merely send your name and address to Dr. O. A. Johnson, Suite 524, 1324 Main St., Kansas City, Mo., and you will receive a copy by return mail, postpaid, without cost or obligation.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

Miss Gladys Harris was a Cairo visitor Tuesday.

Walter Meier of Blytheville spent Sunday with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. French of Gideon were in our city Friday on business.

C. F. Meentemeyer of Gideon was a business visitor in New Madrid Monday.

Judge E. F. Swartz of Matthews was a business visitor in our city Tuesday.

W. F. Brewer and W. Holdaway of Conran attended Circuit Court in New Madrid Monday.

E. J. Deal and G. W. Ivins of Cape Girardeau were business visitors in New Madrid Monday.

Atty. C. S. Hale and J. Val Baker of Morehouse attended Circuit Court in New Madrid Saturday.

Atty. Ralph Wommack and A. T. Welborn of Bloomfield attended court in New Madrid this week.

Attorney E. F. Sharp of Marston was looking after professional matters in New Madrid Tuesday.

A. J. Matthews of Sikeston and Caleb Matthews of Oran made a business trip to New Madrid Friday.

Miss La Rue Townsend of Parma spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Townsend of this city.

Mrs. George La Plant of Barnes Ridge was a guest of the home of Mrs. Lizzie Park in this city Sunday.

Frank K. Ashy, attorney-at-law of Charleston, was looking after professional matters in New Madrid this week.

Willie Knott of Chaffee arrived Monday for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knott of this city.

F. R. Jerald of Paragould, Claim Agent for the Cotton Belt attended Circuit Court Tuesday in the interest of the Company.

Misses Leona Gallivan and Frances Richards and L. A. Lewis, Jr., attended the picture show at Sikeston Tuesday evening.

Robert Knott returned to Dyersburg Monday and was accompanied as far as Memphis by Robert La Valle and Lee Smalley.

Mrs. T. F. Henry returned Tuesday from Caledonia, where she was called by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. James C. Smith.

Mrs. Alice Jones of Malden and Miss Bertha Overfield of Parma accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Milas Ford of Parma to our city Monday.

Attorneys Ralph E. Bailey of Sikeston, R. S. Rutledge of Malden and Valentine Perkins of Lilbourn attended Circuit Court in New Madrid Friday.

Mrs. Bennett T. Waites and Mrs. E. G. Rockhill spent Tuesday with their sister, Mrs. Quintis Richards, en route to their home in Birmingham, Ala., having visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Finley of Charleston.

Miss Gladys Loud entertained the High School teachers, Miss Genevieve Bazan and A. J. Renner of Sikeston and Robert Bierschwal of this city, with a Rook party at her home last Thursday evening. After the game a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

Miss Linda Stewart was the gracious hostess for the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Simmons on Powell avenue last Tuesday. Mrs. H. M. Shaffer of South Bend, Ind. and Mrs. J. C. St. Mary and Mrs. Fred Weigle of this city as substitutes. Mrs. St. Mary, scoring highest, received a bouclier cap. A very delicious salad luncheon was served after the game.

Sheriff Ambrose Kerr left Saturday night, accompanied by two deputies, P. S. Meadows of Morehouse and A. W. Wilkey, of Risco, for Jefferson City, to place the following prisoners, who were sentenced this January Term of Circuit Court in the State Penitentiary: George Butler and G. F. Alley, for rape, 2 years; Frank Brown, grand larceny, 2 years; Money Williams, colored woman, for murder of her husband and plead guilty and received sentence of 5 years.

The funeral of G. W. Shirkey was held Sunday at 2 p. m. at his place of abode in the rear of his store, by Rev. W. A. Humphrey, pastor of the M. E. Church. Interment at Evergreen cemetery. Mr. Shirkey died on Wednesday, January 24, after several weeks illness of the flu. He was of French descent and a son of B. Shirkey and was a native of New Madrid County, where he lived most of his life. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil War. After the war, he married, two daughter being born to the union. One daughter survives him, Mrs. Lucinda Williams of Memphis, Tenn., who was with her father during his last illness. Mr. Shirkey was a successful grocery man in New Madrid for many years.

The Dexter Statesman in a column comment on the W. E. Whitecotton bill in the House at Jefferson City winds up the article as follows: "We are glad to know that Whitecotton misrepresents Paris and Monroe county, rather than represents them, but we still wonder how it ever happened that the home of The Paris Appeal and the brilliant Jack Blanton could ever make such a mistake as to consider 'poor middling' good lining for a lawmakers toga although it was Whitecotton. What is revealed above shows the author of the Whitecotton proposition to be a tight wad, a tax-dodger, a coon-hunting four-flusher and a false alarm. And he misrepresents the Democratic party as much as he represents the people who elected him".

FARM BUREAU NEWS OF SCOTT COUNTY

Cotton did very fine in Scott County last year. It helped a number of people out of a tight hole. It may be that 1922 was a better year for cotton than the average, nevertheless we believe, by the use of the right seed and proper methods that cotton will be a dependable crop in Scott County every year.

The Farm Bureau does not advocate that you put your whole farm in cotton, not even half of it, but it does recommend that every farmer having suitable land grow some cotton. A profitable and permanent agriculture depends upon a definite farming plan including livestock and crop rotation. Make cotton a part of your plan, not the whole plan.

This far north it will be very important to have a short staple early maturing variety. The large boll varieties are much preferable to the small boll ones. The varieties recommended by the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, as a result of several years experiments in Dunklin County, are Acala, Triumph and Cleveland big boll. All are large boll, early maturing varieties.

DO NOT plant cheap gin run seed. If so, you will get everything, which means nothing.

USE ONLY pure seed. Even tho' it costs more it will be cheaper.

See county agent for sources of good seed.

Be sure you don't plant more than you have labor to properly hoe out and cultivate. Labor can be imported to help pick cotton next fall.

There will be a number of meetings held in the county during the next month, for the purpose of giving you a chance to hear real cotton men talk and to ask them questions about the growing and marketing of cotton.

The County Agent and Farm Bureau Office are at your service for help in the production of this new crop.

If you are going to grow cotton this year, you will be benefited by attending one of the meetings scheduled below.

J. D. Coghlan of Dallas, Texas, who is with the American Cotton Growers Exchange and who is one of the best cotton men in the United States, will speak on the growing and marketing of cotton at the following places in Scott County. Mr. Coghlan knows the cotton game. He is a large planter himself and is a good speaker. You will miss something good if you fail to hear him.

Schedule of meetings:

Monday, February 5, 7:30 p. m.—Majestic Theatre, Oran.

Tuesday, February 6, 2:30 p. m.—Liberty Theatre, Morley.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Vanduser.

Wednesday, February 7, 2:30 p. m.—Town Hall, Commerce.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—School building, Blodgett.

There are a number of new farmers who have recently moved into the county to grow cotton. Will you please notify any such parties in your community.

Remember the date. Go to the meeting most convenient for you and bring your neighbors with you. It may mean dollars to you if you will attend one of these meetings.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

J. F. Waters and wife to Green Ball, both of Matthews: All of lot 23 and all of lot 22 in Matthews 4th add. to the town of Matthews. 1200.

Charles H. Bivens and wife of Parma to Adam Grubbs of Stoddard County: 0.11 in block 28, Cooper's Add. to the city of Parma. \$350.

W. C. Ross and wife to Lee Hamby all of New Madrid County: Lot 3 in block 11 in the original plot of Parma. \$1.00.

Charles E. Bailey and wife of Gideon to J. A. Whitledge and Cecil Whitledge 3 1/2 of lot 1 in block 1; 3 1/2 of lot 2 in block 1, all of lot 7; block 2 all of lots 3, 4 and 6 in block 14; all lot lots 9 and 10 in block 20. \$400.

J. A. Whitledge and wife to Hattie Bailey all of Gideon: Lots 3, 4 and 6 in block 14; all of lots 9 and 10 in block 20. \$2000.

Valentine Perkins and Bessie V. Perkins to Elbert T. Wren of Lilbourn. All of lots 3 and 4 in block 6 in L. A. Lewis 2nd add. the city of Lilbourn. \$110.

Marriage License

John Jackson and Rosa Hardwick, both of Portageville.

Orbin Thomas Watson and Nora Lena Bradham, both of Gideon.

Virgin Hoss and Stelja May McBride, both of Parma.

W. L. Gibbs and Brittie May Starns, both of Gideon.

COMING. PRINCESS STOCK COMPANY

The management of the Malone Theatre has booked for the week of February 5 The Princess Stock Co., which comes very highly recommended and is playing nothing but high class Royalty plays with entire change of program each evening. The Company is one of the best touring this territory this season and will no doubt be a treat to the show-going people of Sikeston. Among the plays they will play will be such as "Over the Hills to the Poor House", "Daddy Long Legs" and "Nothing But the Truth", these being just a few of the many in which they show during their engagement at the Malone Theatre. The Company also carries a band, which gives concerts each evening in front of the theatre. Miss Toots Eyrse also sings at each concert. Remember the opening play "Over the Hills to the Poor House" Monday night.

COMMON HOG SENSE

William H. Sikes

A series of sales of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs by three of the best known breeders in Southeast Missouri is causing considerable interest among the farmers of this section of the State. Johnson & Buck of Bloomfield, Blue Ribbon Stock Farm, Sikes & Renner, Prop., Sikeston, and the Gideon Anderson Lumber Co., of Gideon, are the three firms who will offer the "Aristocrats of Swine" on February 19, 20 and 21, respectively.

It is interesting in this connection to consider the hog, from the viewpoint of the farmer, to compare the pure bred to the scrub or grade and to study the record of achievement of the Duroc Jersey in particular.

During the past few years, or to be exact, since the beginning of the period of deflation, the farmer has been hard put to make ends meet. Their reduced prices of grain, the high price of labor, comparatively the excessive transportation charges and the unsatisfactory shipping facilities, have added to his woes. Very few, if any farmers, regardless of location, quality of land, or method of tilling, who have devoted their activities to the production of grain for the market as grain, have been successful from a financial standpoint. Those who have marketed their grain in the form of pork, have, on the other hand, been almost without exception, able to show a comfortable margin of profit.

So many things enter into the discussion as to why the price of hogs has remained unusually high in proportion to the price of other products of the farm, that it would be tedious to go in detail. The fact is, as all know, the price of hogs have remained at such a level during the entire deflation period, and indications are that the condition will prevail for quite a while. Every farmer, no matter where, is acquainted with the above fact. There are, in every neighborhood, a few men who have taken advantage of the high price of pork and their success is the pride of their community.

The writer, who of course, is familiar with his own community alone knows of the men who have most successfully weathered the storm of hard times and every one, no exceptions, say the feeding of cheap grain and cheaper pasture to high priced hogs have occasioned their success. So noticeable is the difference in the status of the farmer who devotes his attention to the raising of hogs in connection with the growing of grain that it is astonishing to one not in the game that all farmers have not added the production of pork to his otherwise carefully diversified activities. The only possible or plausible excuse is the fact there may have prevailed the fear that sooner or later the price of pork must hit the toboggan and follow the prices of other farm products to the "below the cost of production level". If such a fear has held the farmer off the hog in the past, it is high time that he sees the error of it. If pork has maintained its position in the scale of commodities thru the years of '20, '21 and '22, it is evident that it is due to do even better in the future, now that the elements entering into its production are becoming more and more favorable. I am confident that the coming year will see many of the farmers who have raised grain exclusively and unsuccessfully, turn to the production of pork, and I can't resist the temptation to speak a word for the pure bred as compared to the scrub or grade hog.

A pure bred (as the word implies) is a result of select and careful breeding. Certain qualities are desirable in a hog just as certain qualities are desirable in a man. Observing men in the past and now know what kind of a hog brought the best price on the market. They learned what qualities interested the buyers, and then, as thoughtful business men, they began selection and breeding to bring out in their herds those qualities. It is much easier to sell something the buyer wants than it is to convince him that something else meets his requirements. The exercise of "hog sense" was all that occasioned the pure bred hog.

This development has gone along for many years. It has now become a science and some of the most intelligent men on earth have given the business the benefit of their talent. So wide spread has the business become that it is now possible in nearly every community, to purchase individuals that give to your herd at once the very qualities that have been years in the making, the qualities that will elevate your herd from the common, the very qualities that the buyers of pork are seeking and the qualities that make the pure bred sell at a premium over the others. To begin at the beginning, to breed and select from the scrub, to endeavor to make your herd the kind of hog you know to be the best seller, would be a wanton waste of time and for that reason ridiculous. It is so easy and so sensible to take time by the forelock that it would be at least unusual to begin where man began years ago. Purchase a pure bred, any breed, but a pure red. An individual that measures up to your idea of what a hog should be. One that would tempt the eye of a lover of breeding and water the mouth of a packing house buyer. An individual whose record or whose pedigree shows its worth. Remember that in the hog kingdom as well as in the human family there are two well established proverbs: "LIKE BEGETS LIKE" and "AS IS THE FATHER SO IS THE SON". These do not hold true in either family without exceptions, but it is so nearly true that you can bank on it.

There are several breed of hogs that have been developed to such a high state of perfection that personal

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preference is the only difference. They have each been selected a breed with the same end in view. The emphasizing of individual qualities and in the case of each breed the results have been wonderful. This man may favor the Poland China and cite many facts to bear him out. That man may favor the Berkshire and offer convincing testimony and so on down the line. Certain breeds are popular in one community, certain other breeds in other communities. In the lower half of the corn belt there seems to be a decided preference to the Duroc Jersey and the popularity of this breed is general over the entire corn belt. This is evidenced by the fact that 65% of all hogs going to the market centers for pork are of the Duroc Jersey breed. It seems that breeders of the Duroc Jerseys have the better of the argument from a statistical standpoint. They offer the following well substantiated facts:

1—There are more registered Duroc Jersey hogs than any other breed of pure bred hogs.

2—The average litter from registered Duroc Jerseys is 7.5 compared to 6.4 from breeds of a like type.

3—Duroc Jerseys have topped the market centers more often than any other breed.

4—There are more Duroc Jerseys placed on exhibition at fairs and shows than any other breed (this is an indication of the general popularity of the breed).

In addition to the above facts which are cold figures it is interesting to note that in the most contested class (Fat Barrows Of All Breeds) at the greatest of all live stock shows, The International Pure Bred Live Stock Exhibition at Chicago, Ill., a Duroc JERSEY BARROW WAS DECIDED GRAND CHAMPION. The facts can be taken for what they are worth. They are conclusive of one thing however and that is PURE BREED EXCELLENCE. There is no excuse for the scrubs and the farmer or breeder that continue to try to raise hogs without regard to their breeding is doomed to failure. I would not have you believe that everything should be sent to secondary position to the hog. I want you to understand that hog raising and feeding go hand in hand with grain farming and are dependent each upon the other if success is to be had.

Since these sales in Southeast Missouri gave rise to this article a consideration of this section of Missouri is in order. The farmers of that section are planning to plant a large acreage of cotton in 1923 and that plan argues well in just as far as it

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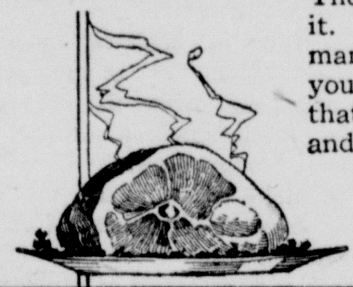
Thursday Roy Carpenter, a dredge man who was working for the Callahan Construction Company between Benton and Commerce, was injured so seriously that he died soon after entering the Cape hospital.

Carpenter was working on a 90-horsepower gasoline engine and had disconnected the piston rod with the intention of putting on new rings. In some unknown manner the igniter fired and the large piston jammed his legs against the counter balances of the crank shaft and mashed them to a pulp. He was taken to the Cape hospital and amputation of the legs took place, but he died soon after the operation. The body was shipped to Commerce, Texas for burial.—Benton Democrat.

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The offering consists of 15 tried sows, 20 spring gilts, 25 summer and fall gilts and 3 boars.

These sows are from the best blood lines obtainable in the country while the gilts are the offsprings of the sows and sired by Col. Pickett, Julius Caesar and The Son of Pan. The boars to be sold are Julius Caesar, The Son of Pan and a young boar out of a Yankee sow and by The Son of Pan.

This sale is made necessary because Milton and Ben Blanton are still in school and a shortage of feed and finances call for it. The boys will continue with their farm and retain their plant with six sows and gilts and one boar and hope to come again at some future date. This is going to be a real offering and a description of animals will be printed later.

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STATE ROAD LAW MEETS U. S. TEST

Jefferson City, January 25.—The Missouri road law is broad enough to comply with the requirements of the Federal Government to obtain State aid on highway construction in this State, Gov. Hyde has informed Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. The Secretary had written to the Governor expressing grave doubt that the Missouri law gave the State Highway Department powers broad enough to comply with provisions upon which the Federal Government predicated the apportionment of funds to the states for road building.

The letter to Wallace was based on an opinion by Newton D. Wilder of Kansas City, counselor to the State Highway Commission, who cited section 16 of the State highway law, which contains the following provision:

"The commission is hereby directed to comply with the provisions of any act of Congress providing for the distribution and expenditure of funds of the United States appropriate for Congress for highway construction, and to comply with any of the rules or conditions made by the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture, or other branch of the United States Government, acting under the provisions of Federal law in order to secure to the State of Missouri funds allotted to the State by the United States Government for highway construction."

Objections of Wallace had been based on section 29 of the highway law, which authorizes the State Commission to designate a primary road system of approximately 1500 miles, and to make minor changes of route in the interest of construction, efficiency and economy, but forbids any changes the net result of which would be to lengthen the State system.

Wallace pointed out that the Federal road law authorized the extending of Federal aid upon the construction of a Federal system not exceeding 7 per cent of the mileage of the roads of a state, which in Missouri would be about 7800 miles. That system, designated in Missouri by engineers of the State Highway Commission, lies right upon the state system, except that the various Federal routes stick out beyond the terminal of the State system, because the State system comprises approximately 7600 miles.

Wallace pointed out that the Federal Government extended aid to states in road construction to the end that eventually a country-wide system of connecting highway should be achieved, and that it might be necessary from time to time for the Federal Bureau of Public Roads to require the State Highway Department of Missouri to lengthen the State system in certain directions to meet that theory.

Though Wilder does not undertake to say that the State Highway Commission would do that, in the face of the inhibitions of section 29 of the State law, "the English language means what it says", he remarked in describing the powers of section 16.

The question of Federal aid in construction of the 60,000,000 program probably will mean the receiving or loss of more than \$2,000,000 a year, it is estimated.

Wallace had indicated, however, that it would be possible to approve projects for Missouri up to 1926 under a clause in the Federal law authorizing such action pending amendment of the laws of states which prevented complete compliance with Federal requirements. These matters were brought out last night at a joint meeting of the highway committees of the House and Senate, before which appeared Edwin Austin, secretary, and B. H. Piepmeyer, chief engineer of the Highway Department, and Wilder. These officials were present to urge the program of new legislation for the Highway Department, previously described in detail in the Post-Dispatch, which is desired by the State Commission. No action was taken by the committees or any indication given as to the attitude of the committees, the three being given attentive hearing by most of those present, though on or two of the less influential legislators persisted in asking questions.

Juana Arias, now 94 years of age and the only woman who ever attained the grade of Colonel in the Cuban revolutionary forces by bravery under fire, steadfastly refuses to cede an atom of her independence by accepting either Government or private aid.

Hundreds of unemployed are reported to be besieging the French Consulate at Liverpool in an effort to get work in the Ruhr mines. Officials of the Consulate say nothing can be done in this connection as no official instructions have been received from France.

NEWS LETTER FROM CHAFFEE

W. L. Buckley of Puxico was a visitor in Chaffee Saturday.

J. H. Haie went to Cape Girardeau Saturday on business and returned on the early morning train Sunday.

George Wiley is thinking of taking his seven passenger Reo out for practice trips in preparation of the coming motoring season.

Romeo LaRochelle, a Frenchman, is stopping at the LaCade Hotel. He has permanent employment here and has been in America six months.

A. A. Henning of St. Louis attended the funeral of L. L. Kerns at Cape Girardeau Sunday. He was formerly employed at Chaffee and was acquainted with Mr. Kerns.

A soaking rain fell in the vicinity of Chaffee Friday and Saturday, which has made the dirt roads soft. There were many farmers in the city Saturday, both with teams and cars.

C. P. and A. P. Reissaus were confined to their homes with the flu this week and P. N. Keller took charge of the business at the First National Bank.

Mrs. Ashley is having a very attractive change made in the interior of her residence on West Parker, by removing the partition between the sitting room and the dining room and building a colonnade, as well as refinishing the walls.

Four or five of the principal religious denominations have formed a church league basketball team among pupils, who practice at the new gym alternative nights. These rival teams will begin a series of challenges games in the near future to determine the winner.

Funeral service were held at Fairmont cemetery, Cape Girardeau, Sunday afternoon, over the remains of Leonard Leoy Kerns, who met with fatal injuries January 25, and died the same day. Mr. Kerns was widely known in this territory, and hundreds of sorrowing friends participated in the final ceremony, conducted by the Knights Templar Lodge at Cape Girardeau. The suddenness of his demise was especially distressing to his wife and two year old daughter, who asked her daddy to wake up, as she viewed the embalmed corpse. Mr. Kern had resided at Chaffee the past three years, and more than a hundred from Chaffee went to attend the ceremony. He was a devoted husband and father, and an overwhelming loss has visited this home.

STATE FAIR WILL HAVE COTTON PREMIUM LIST

For the first time in history the Missouri State Fair management is recommending that premiums on cotton be awarded at Sedalia this year. The secretary of the State Fair has asked the secretary of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau to submit to him a premium list on cotton bales to be offered at the next State Fair.

In making this request, the State Fair secretary states that since cotton has become one of the prominent crops of Missouri, and due to the fact that few farmers in the northern part of the State have ever seen cotton growing, he feels it would be of educational value to have a cotton exhibit at the State Fair and he desires to recommend a premium list that will justify cotton growers in Southeast Missouri sending a few bales of cotton to Sedalia.

Cotton growers in the Southeast Missouri district are urged to bear this in mind and retain any exceptionally good bales of cotton they may have for the Missouri State Fair exhibit. The amount of the premiums to be awarded has not yet been announced, but it will be sufficient to justify the expense of making the exhibit.

The Fair management, also, announces that there will be some very desirable cash premiums offered for county exhibits at the State Fair. Premiums in the past have been so small that it has hardly justified the necessary expense of sending county exhibits to the State Fair. It is believed now that prizes will be of sufficient size and importance to justify Southeast Missouri counties entering the contest.

A negro applied at the ticket office at Caruthersville, for a Pullman ticket to St. Louis and was refused. Thereupon he has filed suit against the Frisco Railroad for \$50,000 damages, alleging that he suffered a "physical shock and collapse" from riding in a day coach. The world do move. We have seen the time when we would have suffered a shock if not a collapse, if we had had the spondulix to pay for a Pullman berth. Oh, well, cotton is responsible for people in this county being able to ride in Pullmans.—Charleston Times.

WINGS GIVEN TO NEW RIFLE BULLET

Washington, January 29.—Work of army experts since the war has produced a new bullet for use in rifles and machine guns which is expected to add enormously to the effectiveness of these weapons in any future conflicts.

The new bullet is known as a "boat-tail" because of a six degree taper at the tail. Exhaustive tests by the army have shown that the change in shape has given wings to the bullets, adding 1400 yards to the maximum range attained and flattening the trajectory or are of flight at 1000 yards approximately 30 per cent.

In addition the army experts have worked out a new jacket for the bullets that practically eliminates fouling of gun barrels. It is a 90 per cent copper and 10 per cent zinc composition that leaves the rifle clear of clogging metal and will increase the accuracy life of rifles and machine guns. It also will permit the accuracy of fire with small arms to be as great in actual combat as in peace time target work.

Tests at the army infantry school have fixed the maximum range of the new bullet at 4800 yards, as compared to 3450 yards with the present ammunition. It also has been demonstrated that at 600 yards with the new ammunition it is possible to put every shot into a circle the size of a teacup, as the "boat-tail" bullet is less subject to wind current deflection.

Swiss experts worked out a "boat-tail" bullet many years ago and the high degree of efficiency in rifle work obtained by the Swiss in international competitions rests in part on such ammunition. The French also began work in 1898 on changing the base of bullets to decrease the air suction that held them back in flight, but French development for service use was not carried very far. During the war, German sharpshooters, working at long range, used "boat-tail" ammunition. None of these foreign developments, however, has gone to the point arrived at by American army experts.

Changing the shape of the bullet also has changed its sound in flight. The "boat-tail" just whispers in space, while the old Springfield bullet passing close to a man's ear, cracked almost like the report of the rifle itself.

Hostile machine guns are located by the sound of the bullets to some degree. Long experience with that sound of the bullets gives soldiers much information as to the probable distance to the gun nest, although its exact direction is doubtful. The new "whispering" bullet will deny any such information to the troops against which it is fired.

Our Soldiers' German Wives

The situation regarding the admission to this country of the foreign-born wives of American soldiers, which has been under discussion as a result of President Harding's orders for the return of our troops from Germany, seems to require a little explanation. Before the passage of the Cable law by Congress a woman marrying an American citizen automatically took the nationality of her husband. She did not have to take out citizenship papers in order to be an American citizen. The new law provides for the retention of their original citizenship by foreigners marrying Americans. If they wish to become American citizens they must pursue the regular course for naturalization. Under the new immigration law, limiting the number of admissions to this country to a certain annual quota of each nationality, it would be technically possible for an American husband to be admitted while his wife might excel in the quota for the country from which she came had been exhausted. But this is by no means the case with Germany, which has not sent us nearly so many immigrants as she is entitled to do under the law. Consequently there is no obstacle to the admission of the wives of our soldiers who have been doing duty on the Rhine. Those married since September 22, when the Cable law went into effect, will come in with the status of desirable immigrants from Germany, provided they pass the prescribed tests as to health and literacy. Those who married before the date will be regarded as American citizens, the same as their husbands. In either case no practical difficulty stands in the way, since it may be assumed that the wives of our soldiers will be able to read and write. The technical discrimination with regard to those who married after September 22 is necessary under the law, but practically their admission should be as easy as that of those who became American citizens with their marriage.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegram.

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HIGHWAY DISTRICT AMPLY PATROLLED

Sikeston, January 30.—"The road work in division No. 10 is progressing nicely", Frank B. Newton, Division Engineer of the State Highway Department told a Missourian reporter today.

"It is only a matter of short time until the people of this part of the state will be using roads to which they are not accustomed. Not only are the roads being built but they are being kept in good condition by patrolmen who have sections of the roads to keep graded and drained. These section men, or patrolmen, are to the highways as the section men are to railroads. In this division over 297 miles of road are now being patrolled. In these various patrols are 37 men working whose duty it is to keep all the roads in their charge in good condition for traffic. The patrol is being lengthened daily and more men are being added to the patrols", he said.

The construction of roads is often held up in winter time because of danger of freezing. But, Newton tells of a machine that is now being used in this division which will prevent this, and winter-time work can be carried on with safety. This machine is a concrete mixer being used by the General Construction Co., C. D. Ordling, construction engineer, at Clark Creek, near Patterson, Wayne county. Concrete is being mixed and applied daily without fear of damage by freezing.

The process of working this machine is very simple, yet effective. Under the mixer is a large coal oil burner, resembling a blow torch, which heats the mixture to a boiling point. The concrete comes from the mixer at a boiling temperature and is immediately placed upon the road. After spreading the mixture, it is covered with straw to prevent its freezing.

This, it is said, is very effective and can be used with safety in the section of the country, where the weather is never far below zero. The placing of straw serves as a blanket and keeps out, to a great extent, moisture and the freezing atmosphere. By this method Wayne county will be getting along nicely all winter with her roads.

That part of a highway running from Poplar Bluff to Birds Point, across the eastern part of Butler county and across Stoddard, Scott and Mississippi counties will be open for traffic about August 1, it is believed by highway officials. Extending east from Poplar Bluff 12 1/2 miles will be an 18-foot concrete surface road. This will terminate within 1 1/4 miles of St. Francois.

Norman Davis, contractor, who has the building of the road extending across Scott county, says this part is being put into good condition.

When this road is open for traffic it will accommodate practically all the towns on the Missouri Pacific railroad along this line.

Newton is well pleased with its progress. He called attention to the fact that the county courts of the several counties in Division No. 10 are aiding in the road construction by lending their supplies, when needed, to be used by contractors. He said the maintenance department has had the loan of tractors, graders and other equipment on several occasions and they naturally have a feeling of appreciation toward the courts.—Cape Missourians.

The Queen of the Belgians has prepared a special album containing a complete set of Belgian postage stamps, to be presented to Queen Helena of Italy, who is an ardent philatelist and possesses a magnificent collection.

The effect of cold storage temperatures upon the life of insects in commodities is being investigated by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the study is already yielding beneficial results. This is a relatively new field of investigation. Experiments already completed indicate the value of cold storage for the destruction of bean and pea weevils in beans. All stored-product pests are being made the subject of investigations in connection with cold temperatures.

If you were asked to name the most powerful animal, you would probably say the elephant. Scientists find the most tremendous animal energy in the world is possessed by the mole. Existing under ground and blind, in his insatiable hunt for food he works 24 hours a day. He has never been known to sleep and every 24 hours eats four times his weight in food. He is the only perpetual motion machine known and at that he finds time to rear an industrious family. Compared to the mole the ants and the bees, and the muscular and acrobatic flea, are second, if not, third-raters.

That the granting of suffrage to women had deprived them of the right to any special legislative protection is the ground taken by the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in its decision against the minimum wage law for women.

A study of data from nearly 200 tests by the United States Department of Agriculture has shown that there were 338 per cent more bacteria in fresh milk produced with unsterile utensils than in milk produced in sterilized utensils. After standing for 24 hours at a temperature of 60 degree F the count was 630 per cent greater for milk drawn, handled, and kept in unsterile utensils. Where steam is not available, thorough heating in boiling water noticeably reduces the bacteria count.

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BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MISS MARY GILL

Mrs. J. F. Lenti entertained a number of her lady friends and friends of the prospective bride and groom at an announcement social and shower at the home of her father on Ferguson avenue Wednesday in behalf of her brother, Mr. Ray Lemm, and his fiancée Miss Mary Gill, whose impending marriage was announced during the evening. Guests to the number of thirty or more arrived early in the evening and were served a delicious luncheon and later took part in an unique contest in which the various guests offered advice to the prospective bride, writing their ideas along this line on small cards which were collected and judged by a committee of three. Mrs. Lillian Collins was adjudged the winner and was presented with a handsome powder and puff box.

The house was beautifully decorated in white and pink and lovely place favors were distributed in the form of pink roses containing mints. A very pleasant evening was spent by the guests and the bride-to-be was the recipient of a number of handsome and valuable presents, largely in the way of table napery, cut glass, silverware, etc. While the date of the wedding was not announced at the social, we understand that it will be within the next few weeks—some time before the beginning of Lent, which is February 14th, we believe.

The prospective groom is one of the substantial young men of this city, where he has been reared from boyhood and is therefore well known to everyone. He is and has for some years been employed as office manager for the East Arkansas Lumber Company. Miss Gill is a former resident of Sikeston, having come here with her parents a year or two ago, and she is a beautiful and charming young lady. It is a pleasure to chronicle the impending happy event and to wish the contracting parties, even thus far in advance, much happiness and prosperity through their future wedded life.—*Charlestonville Democrat.*

EX-KAISER REPORTED LIVING UNHAPPILY

London, January 26.—The correspondent of the Yorkshire Evening News, wiring to his paper from Doorn, says:

"In spite of elaborate efforts to hide the truth, I have discovered that the second marriage of the former German Emperor has been a complete failure and that at the present moment he is living in one part of the castle while his wife and children are in another. I am told that a very few weeks sufficed to bring about the breakdown.

"Those who are near the ex-Kaiser have been struck by the grave alteration, not only in his mood but in his character. He is said to have been affected very unfavorably by the operation for gland transference he underwent before his second marriage. His own children have not forgiven him for the second marriage and his stepchildren avoid him.

"His means are reduced and his private expenditure is strictly limited. He is living today under most unhappy family conditions. He can command neither service, affection nor companionship, and the breakdown in his domestic arrangements is painfully apparent to the very few who visit him."

Don't miss the opening play Monday night at the Malone Theatre by the Princess Stock Co.

The National Duroc Association will give \$200 toward the futurity to be held at the Southeast Missouri District Fair this fall. This should bring out an unusual large class of this popular swine. The Fair Association has been very liberal toward breeders of swine and the biggest classes of both Durocs and Poland Chins ever held south of St. Louis will be shown here this time.

Conditions at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, for negroes are said by students to have caused the strike of about 450 of the 500 students at the school Thursday. The students at a statement asserted they are treated like convicts. They ask for social opportunities, entertainment and a student council. "It is simply a question of girls," President Page said. He said strict rules against the mingling of boys and girls, either at the institution or on their way to and from school, were to be enforced.

YOUNG BURGLARS SENT TO THE BENTON JAIL

The home of E. E. Ferrell in the southwest section of Sikeston was entered Thursday night by someone who used a crowbar to pry open a window. Mr. Elkins ran a small meat shop at his house and made homemade candies. Some meat and taffy candy was taken. Officers looked over the ground and concluded to get out a search warrant for the home where John Ridge lived. At his house some of the meat and some of the candy was found. Ridge told Officer Burks that Newton Elkins and Virgil Atkinson were with him and all had a hand in the affair. Elkins was arrested along with Ridge and locked up in the city jail. Atkinson had left town but returned Friday, was arrested by Justice Lescher, and locked up with the other two boys. Officer Burks took the three of them to Benton Friday, where they will be held for circuit court which convenes about the middle of March. Elkins and Atkinson have police records while the Ridge boy is up for the first time. Their ages run from 17 to 19 years. With these three boys locked up maybe some of the small thieving will cease.

FLAPPERS, LOUNGE LIZARDS, WIVES EAT UP PAY ROLL

Jefferson City, January 26.—The House of Representatives was thrown into a turmoil yesterday afternoon, when charges were hurled on all sides that lounge lizards, flappers, cake eaters and wives of legislators were "eating up the State pay roll."

Heated arguments ensued, and all other matters were swept aside to determine the need at this time for increasing the House clerical force as suggested in a measure offered by Representative Dale of Ray County.

Representative George E. Cottrell of Barry County was among those who asked the privilege of the floor.

He objected strenuously to the reference to his wife as "an old woman" when one of the other legislators mentioned that the legislators had their "old women" on the pay roll.

"I am not one of the highly educated members of this body," said Cottrell, "but I want to say that if the old girl goes home I go home with her. She is a help to me in my correspondence as she is a better speller than I am and she corrects the matter that I must write my constituents. To tell you the truth I don't think much of the capital. I don't believe it is a healthy place and ran for this office only at the request of my people in the county. I have since regretted that I accepted the office."

Cottrell's remarks had seconds from several sections of the House and a number of the Representatives opined they would have much to say about the "old women" before the matter was disposed of.

Don't forget The Princess Stock Co. will be at the Malone Theatre all next week.

R. A. Moll of Grand Chain, Ill., drove over to Sikeston Sunday for a brief visit with his wife and children, who are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard.

The Farming Times has bought the Farmington Bank building and will henceforth have a "home". The consideration is practically \$8,000. The building is two story and the upper floor will be used by editor Bradshaw and his family and in truth it will be home. The building overlooks the square and is in the heart of the business district. Brother Bradshaw feels proud of the fact that The Times has acquired this property for it has been "homeless", as he terms it, throughout its entire life. Here's congratulations and may you prosper.—*Charleston Times.*

Gene Poashnick has had bad luck with his herd of Poland China swine. He sent 22 head of last spring gilts out to his father's farm to run with the stock hogs in the corn field and in the round-up a few days ago it was discovered that 12 of Gene's purebreds and 11 of Sam's stockers failed to answer to the roll call. The missing hogs would weigh about 220 lbs. each. It is a mystery what became of them as the neighborhood has been thoroughly searched and no trace discovered. If they were butchered and sold in surrounding towns it will be hard to trace them and if they were driven away and shipped to market, why didn't the thief take the entire 200 head. If you can throw any light on this hog mystery advise Potashnick.

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI GETS PUBLICITY IN SOUTH

In each Sunday edition of the Commercial Appeal there appears on the Farm Page a timely news article on some Southeast Missouri subject. These articles are prepared and furnished by the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau.

In last Sunday's Commercial Appeal, there was an article on the good roads of Southeast Missouri, accompanied by a picture of the concrete road in Mississippi County. It gave a review of the general road building in the district and cited the reader to the fact that Southeast Missouri has done more road building in the last two years than any other section of Missouri and that many tourists are now traveling through Southeast Missouri by automobile to look at the country, a thing that was not possible before the "good roads" program was inaugurated.

These articles in the Commercial Appeal are rendering a great service to Southeast Missouri at the present time. This southern publicity and the cotton exhibit at the Tri-State Fair, at Memphis, last summer, are large factors in bringing about the stream of immigration that has poured into Southeast Missouri from the south during the past few months.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and daughter, Little Miss Lavinnia Moll, of Grand Chain, Ill., Miss Elsa Smart and Hyacinth Sheppard spent a few hours in Morehouse Sunday afternoon with Mrs. E. M. Boswell.

Perhaps you have noticed paragraphs in The Standard from time to time credited to F. D. Lair. He is the live furniture man of Charleston who pays the Charleston Times for the space that they occupy. Those that The Standard has copied contained a sentiment that were worth reproducing. Mr. Lair never has less than a quarter of a page in that paper and the space is generally taken up with news items of those who trade with him and with the articles that he is receiving. His advertisements are original and widely read.

ROAD CONTRACTS TO BE LET ON FEB. 2

Bids for the grading, construction of culverts and of a gravel pavement 16 feet in width, together with any incidental work on the State road from Diehlstadt northward are to be received by the State Highway Commission February 2, according to announcements. The total mileage to be constructed is 5.5 miles and the work is to be let in two contracts of 1.0 and 4.5 miles.

The road to be improved is part of the Charleston-Benton State road project, designated for improvement from the State's \$60,000,000 bond issue. It is expected that the portion of this road in Mississippi County, from the Lough farm on the Bertrand concrete road to the Scott County line south of Diehlstadt, at total distance of about 2.5 miles, will be advertised soon, in which event all of Mississippi County's State road project will be under way, contracts having heretofore been awarded for the improvement of other mileage designated by law.—*Cape Missourian.*

Miss Daisy Garden leaves this evening for the market to select her spring hats.

J. L. Cox, out on Route 2, will put out 30 acres of cotton this year. He is like hundreds of other farmers of this community, looking forward with hopes for good crops and good prices the coming season.

Emory Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Sr., writes from San Francisco to his parents that he has been assigned as radio operator to the "U. S. S. Boston" and is expected to sail for foreign ports at any time. He took the examination along with six others at St. Louis, December 16, was given his rating the 17th and left at once for San Francisco. The Standard is proud of this lad and feels certain he will deliver the goods as he has been interested in wireless for many months. His enlistment is for four years.

EACH GOLFER'S ANNUAL VALUE TO BOSS \$500

A golfer is worth at least \$500 more a year to his employer than an employee who does not have the physical and moral benefits of that game, according to W. A. Alexander of Chicago. Expatriating these views to those attending the W. G. A. meeting in Chicago he explained that the game had, such influence on the player for integrity, generosity, and urbanity that it would be a good investment for every business man to see to it at his own expense that his employees had opportunity to play golf at least once a week.

Mr. Alexander said that the difference he had found in men who played golf over those who had never taken up the game convinced him that an employer would be the gainer if he actually expended \$500 a year on each employer for golf.

A. L. Daugherty of the Matthews vicinity was in Sikeston Friday and called on The Standard. He is undecided whether or not he will put out any cotton, but says a great acreage will be grown by his neighbors.

Twenty-eight head of hogs belonging to Oscar Royce, F. A. Keller, August Wessell and Kirby Tisdale were sold Thursday afternoon at a sale held at Little Valley Stock Farm, on Kingshighway, south. W. H. Heisserer of Benton was the heaviest buyer, taking 11 head. J. A. Beggs of Illinois was the next heaviest buyer, taking four head. R. A. McCord of Sikeston acted as the auctioneer. The sale lasted about three hours.—*Cape Missourian.*

Joseph L. Moore, retired lawyer and farmer, of Commerce, was in this city Friday, having brought down his daughter, Miss Martha Moore, who is a teacher in the Eugene Field school. Mr. Moore says he planted some cotton last year about April 20th and realized about \$68 gross on the acre, and had no previous experience with growing cotton. He thinks that cotton will be a winner for this section and will have a large acreage this year.—*Charleston Courier.*

SHOPMAN HELD FOR GUN DISPLAY

E. A. Jarrett, railroad shopman in the roundhouse of the Cotton Belt railroad at Farnfeld, was arrested Thursday night by Sheriff Wm. Kirkendall of Scott county and Butch Allen, marshal, after "flashing" a gun and disturbing the peace of several men in the barber shop of Elliot & Lloyd, Scott county officers reported.

Jarrett did not appear to be intoxicated, it is reported, but walked into the barber shop and drew his revolver. He then lined the patrons of the shop up against the wall and "told them a few things", it is said. After he had done this he left the shop but immediately returned into the shop and repeated his performance.

In the meantime a man was sent to get the constable to make the arrest. It is said that Jarrett relieved the officer of his weapon and lined him up with the others.

Later Sheriff Kirkendall was called and he, with the aid of the city marshal, arrested Jarrett and took him to Benton. It is reported that Jarrett filed a bond of \$1000.—*Cape Missourian.*

And Whose Fault?

Washington, January 27.—Time and events are clearly demonstrating that the fundamentals of the foreign policies of the late Democratic administration were sound. President Wilson prophetically foresaw the evil consequences of a failure of a just and prompt determination of German reparations, and in his first communication to Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on July 18, 1919, solicited the approval of a provisional representative of the United States on the Reparation Commission. The letter follows:

"My dear Senator: There are some things in connection with the execution of the treaty of peace which can hardly await the action of the several governments which must act with regard to the ratification of the treaty, and chief of these is the functioning of the Reparation Commission. It is of so much importance to the business interests of the United States, as well as to the nations with which we are associated, that the United States should be represented on that commission, and represented now while the work of the Commission is taking shape, that I am taking the liberty of writing to ask if you will not be kind enough to consult the Committee on Foreign Relations with regard to this particular appointment, and say to them that I would very much appreciate their approval of my appointment provisionally of a representative of the United States to act upon the Reparation Commission.

"Very sincerely yours,
"WOODROW WILSON."

The best time to have dealt with the question of German reparations was when this letter was written. Not only was the request not granted but eight months later in order to forestall the appointment of an American representative on the Reparations Commission, Senator Lodge introduced a reservation providing that "no person is or shall be authorized to represent the United States, nor shall any citizen of the United States be eligible, as the member of any body or agency established or authorized by said treaty with Germany, except pursuant to an act of Congress of the United States providing for his appointment and defining his powers and duties."

As late as two years ago leaders of the Republican party, as well as every one else, saw that the world was at the cross-roads and that Europe was threatened with financial and economic chaos.

Already wedded to a policy of isolation the party now in power did nothing to avert the threatened disaster. It was not even imbued with an "enlightened selfishness" to protect the interests of the United States which would inevitably suffer as a result of Europe's complete breakdown.

Now that the supreme crisis has been reached what is that party doing? It is as lacking in a foreign policy now as then. It flies from or spurns anything and everything suggested. With the worst that can happen in Europe possible and probable, the attitude of the Republican administration is one of helplessness, and it seems animated only one moment by timidity and the next by perversity.

ANOTHER CROP FOR SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

W. J. Batson, of Spencer, Iowa, spent the greater part of last week in Sikeston looking over the country and securing acreage for the growing of Japanese Hull-less popcorn. Most everyone grows a few rows of popcorn for home use but to grow it by the hundreds of acres is a new idea. Mr. Batson is a popcorn broker and sells to every section of the United States and many foreign countries. His section lies along the border of Minnesota and while great acreage is planted up there it is frequently that early frosts cut the crop short or ruins it. This is the reason that he was down here. Our seasons are long and the popcorn down here can be planted the same time other corn is planted, matures 20 to 30 days earlier, and is ready for the market before any possible drought can affect it. From 2 to 5 ears grow to a stalk and the yield is from one to two tons per acre. The corn is sold on the cob f. o. b. cars and the past crop brought 2c per pound. At this rate popcorn will pay just about double what other corn will pay and the cash will come in week ahead of other corn crops.

The Standard would like to see this crop tried out down here and those interested can get full information by calling on the Sikeston Seed Co.

ACCEPTANCE OF FORD'S SHOALS OFFER IS URGED

Washington, January 26.—Acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for Muske Shoals, provided no better offer is available and conditioned on the actual production of nitrogen for fertilizer at the rate of 40,000 tons a year, is recommended in a special report made to the American Farm Bureau Federation by Bernard M. Baruch, wartime chairman of the War Industries Board.

Baruch's letter said: "However great the pecuniary rewards might be to Mr. Ford or to anyone else who will undertake it, there will be added a contribution of almost inestimable value to the future of American agriculture and the safety of America in time of war."

Blind Pension Bill Passed

Jefferson City, January 26.—The Whitaker Blind Pension Bill, designed to tighten up the pension act, was passed today by the House. It provides for a graduated pension ranging from \$150 to \$300, depending upon the extent to which vision has been impaired, and excludes all persons who have an annual income of \$600 or more, own property valued in excess of \$5000, or whose husband or wife has such income of property. The House previously passed the first bill to go upon final passage, a measure to increase the fees of persons, called out of the counties in which they reside, as witnesses in courts of record, from \$1.50 to \$2.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moll and children of Grand Chain, Ill. visited Mr. and Mrs. Birch Moll at their country home, Monday.

Aienzo Collier, 25 years of age, and Miss Alpha Edmondson, aged 26 were married by Justice Lescher in his office Wednesday, January 24.

The Company you have been waiting for "The Princess Stock Co." will be at the Malone Theatre all next week. In a repertoire of high class Royalty plays.

For several years Miss Annie Moore of Perkassie, Pa., had suffered from stomach trouble. An X-ray revealed that she had two stomachs, both normal in size and function.

A few weeks ago two cows disappeared from Fred Freeman's farm, to be followed several days later by a horse, saddle and bridle. There is still a lot of available limbs left in the bottoms that would hold the carcasses of a horse thief.

The Marble Hill Press has suspended publication. This leaves but one newspaper in Bollinger county, which is the Lutesville Banner, a Republican disseminator of the happenings of that county. The Banner is published by F. A. Wiggs, formerly a resident of this city. He published the Star some twenty years ago. According to information obtainable, the Press was unable to wiggle along longer. The expense was too great for the paper to live. Bollinger county is Republican and the bulk of the legal work went to the Banner and yet Wiggs said it was a struggle to hold his head above water.—*Charleston Times.*

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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We are authorized to announce Ralph McCullough of Morley for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

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We are authorized to announce Chas. D. Harris for Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the April, 1923, election.

A Deplorable Incident

Some time during last night a man, who we understand came here from Mississippi a few days ago for the purpose of securing negro labor to be returned to that state, and, it is said, to be used in a sawmill plant, was set upon by thugs, it is said, beaten up and robbed in an alley in a more or less undesirable part of the town. It is said he was intoxicated—had been during the afternoon—and thus was a more or less easy mark for his assailants. The man, whose name we have not learned, was rather badly injured, so much so that medical attention was an immediate necessity, and he was removed as soon as discovered, to the city hall and later to a room at the Majestic hotel. He is said to have lost a considerable sum of money, which ostensibly was the inducement in his rough treatment.

While the deed was doubtless perpetrated by the ever-present low strata of society, which is found in every town of this size, and even smaller, it is rumored that farmers who are interested in holding the negroes here may have been, if not instigators, at least well wishers to the project. We do not know that this is true and we certainly hope that it is not true—in fact, we refuse to believe it unless proof comes to light that it is, for its constitutes a blot upon the name of our city and community which is surely had enough even if attributed to the lower element alone. The only thing which lends color to the rumor as mentioned is in the fact that many of our land owners and farmers have expressed themselves as being much opposed to the taking out of the negro labor, which is all right. They have a right to be opposed to it, but no man has a right in a law-abiding community to descend to such methods as this to discourage the practice of inducing the labor to leave.

Last fall it was necessary for our people to go into the southern states and secure negro labor to harvest the cotton crop here. Negroes by the hundreds were brought in and while this may have been against the wishes of the employers in the south, we have yet to learn of any agent from this community who received anything but curious treatment in any community he entered for this purpose. It is a poor rule which will not work both ways, and if this is the sort of treatment employers of labor from the south may expect from us, we should not object to being handed the same sort of package from our southern neighbors whenever we enter their territory on a similar mission.

We hope it is not true that any of our better class of people are even well wishers to such nefarious conduct for the further reason that many of our land holders are anxious to dispose of land and many hope to bring new settlers and home owners among us to improve the uncultivated lands of the county. A concerted movement has been made, headed by the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, with this object in view. With such unfavorable advertising as this we may well expect outsiders to be wary and chary about investing here and becoming residents among us. The persons who committed this despicable act should be brought to justice, and we hope they will be, and we feel confident that they, whether they be known or unknown, have the full condemnation of each and all of our best citizens.—Caruthersville Democrat.

The above article speaks for itself. The last issue of The Standard contained a story of the team work of a white man and negro preacher to induce negro cotton farmers to leave Southeast Missouri for their old homes further South. The negro preacher landed in Sikeston the latter part of the week and appeared at the farms of C. C. Freeman, who has 27 negroes out there, and tried to persuade them to return home, but the parson was told by the negroes on Freeman's place that they knew what they were doing and for him to go on and attend to his own business. The interfering with help on the farm or in the home is a contemptible piece of business and should not be countenanced by respectable people.

JEFFERSON CITY LETTER

By Frank Armstrong

The Fifty-second General Assembly of the State of Missouri convened January 3. The miasma atmosphere about the stored and storied City of Jefferson cleared. The legislature had become Democratic. For two years murky clouds of lowering intelligence, and rotted and rank weeds of decadent thought, had made the Capitol a place of pest for those in whose veins raced the rich, red blood distilled by devotion to freedom and fair play. For twenty-four months the shades of Missouri's immortelles, whose lives had lent luster to the history of our incomparable commonwealth, and who had been wont to return to the Capitol City each biennial period, as the Mohammedan pilgrims to his Mecca, had skirted by as if avoiding a lepers' isle. The unburied minds of these giants of intellect returned at the convening of this session. Their thought turned in unison with those of the earth-bound worshippers of Jefferson, and a symphony that reached the smiling sun was sung to the restoration of Democracy's fallen fame.

At the preceding session, in the House of Representatives, a burr-headed black of St. Louis, who had beaten a white Republican woman for the office, stood at his desk, banked with flowers by loving admirers, and as rose-gays distributed his gift to white men, and white women, and those of his own race—both male and female—the foul feathers are blacked to offer familiar congratulations. The beauty and fragrance of the flowers could not hasten the slow-witted mind of the Ethiopian, not the patting of soft hands pass away his pre-historic animism. To the mind, not Yankee-Republican trained, the monkey-like one was as much out of place as a black-topped rosin weed in the center of a bridal bouquet. The darkey was and is a symbol of the left wing of Missouri's Republican party. A black vulture's wing that beats with insistent force against the barriers of social equality. Interspersed amongst the fowl feathers are blacker ones, signs of white men, and symbolic of white women; some of the latter are of the cantankerous, termagant kind, breeders of hates and brewers of quarrels—sexless, shrewish ones, who falsely flirt with our party.

At the convening of the Fifty-second General Assembly in the House of Representatives, a desk was piled high with flowers—tributes of unutterable esteem for a Kansas City Democratic Representative. The recipient is petite and profound, lovely and learned—a winsome, winged, bonnie wee thing, an airy, fairy one, who emanates radiance of femininity, ruddy with rubies of reason, and scintillating with jewels of judgments. She is a true representative and real type of the left wing of the Democratic party, a composite of the home-loving, child-loving, and party-loving womanly woman—a man's woman—God's last and most gracious gift to this sphere. She is a Democrat from the tips of her dainty slippers to the peak of her crown of glory. She is the right plume of the left wing of Missouri's Good Old Democratic party. She is the Hon. Sallie Turner—Our Sallie—Our Ally.

Southeast Missouri, that section comprising the 21st and 23d Senatorial Districts, has been wonderfully nursed by nature. It is the fairest land beneath the blue-bending skies; it has the most perfect folks this side the gates of Paradise. Perhaps, because it became God's first foot stool upon this earth and because He lavied His feet in its countless springs of Pierian Common-sense, it has been so lavishly blessed with superior Democratic women and men, sweetest flowers and forests, noble nooks and most fertile soils. Owing to the vacancy of senatorship, now existing in the 21st District, Senator Tillman W. Anderson of the 23d District is the bright star around which clusters the Democratic members of the House of Representatives, representing the two districts. Senator Anderson sheds his splendor of personality and waves of wisdom, while withholding all the modesty of a school maiden. It is not his policy to introduce any bills, but to watch for and assist in destroying the bad laws and supporting the good ones. The Southeastern Missourians have been wrought into a bloc, primarily for the purpose of organization relative to a betterment of the drainage laws. By reason of his ability, and seniority in legislation the Hon. Casper Edwards of Dunklin County, is the bloc's leader. Among other things it purposes to reduce the cost of collection of the drainage taxes from 24 per cent per annum to 8 per cent; to correct the inequalities now permitted by law against the rights of remonstrators. This gallant group will also regulate as far as possible the entrenched Republican system of spoils, extravagant waste, bureau and department government, negro social equality, etc. The worthy allies of Senator Anderson and Representative Edwards, are Representative George W. Stivers of Wayne, Representative John H. Lehr of Carter and Representatives of the 23rd District, the Hon. Charles D. Mitchell of Mississippi County. The Hon. Elson Proffer of New Madrid, the Hon. Hans E. Doerner of Pemiscot, the Hon. Fred L. Ogilvie of Scott and William L. Tucker of Stoddard.

Time and tide waits for no man. Neither does the stork. It is whispered around that he will be a very busy old bird in Sikeston during the year 1923. In some homes he will be more than welcome and other he will not. The arrival of the stork has been a great blessing to many families while to others it has brought distress. May the old bird in future use his judgment where best to visit.

The Herrin Massacre Condoned

"Not guilty" was the verdict given yesterday by the jury in the Herrin massacre case. The State cannot appeal and the finding is final as to the particular defendants who were tried and the particular crime for which they were tried. It leaves the guilty unplaced and the guilty unscathed.

The clearing of five persons who would never have been heard of outside of their own little communities but for their reputed complicity in a crime which shocked the country is not in itself a matter of great importance, but the further trampling under foot of the law of the State involved in the unfortunate ending of the first of the massacre cases is very important.

The verdict is not a mere acquittal of these men, it is justification and glorification of the crime they were accused, and are still accused under other indictments, of committing. In spite of Judge Hartwell's vehement repudiation of even a shadow of mitigation, the conclusion is unescapable that not five obscure persons but the Herrin crime was tried by the jury and found "not guilty."

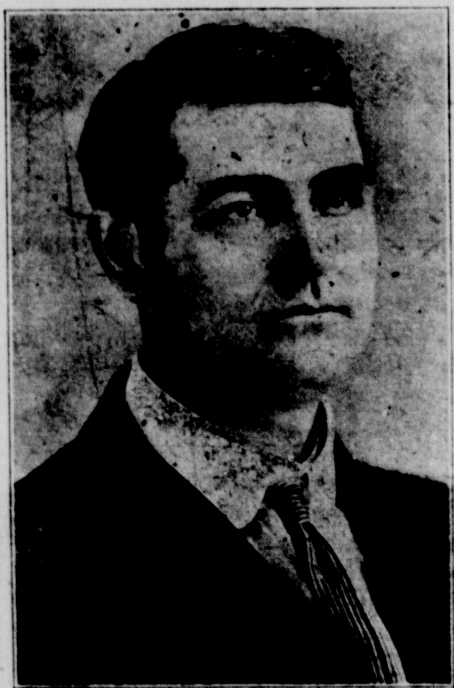
The verdict, in view of the State's direct and positive testimony and the defense's equivocal plea of justification, which was equivalent to confession, and its inconclusive alibi, inconsistent with the claim of justification, was surprising and disappointing. With the spurious issue of justification swept away by the Court's "murder or nothing" instruction and with the defense admitting the presence of the defendants, in contravention of its own alibi, it did not seem possible that 12 honest men could err in placing guilt where it belonged.

The one reassurance in the whole disappointing mess is that the State purposes to carry on and that the accused who yesterday were freed by Williamson County jury, and others to be joined with them, are to face the bar of justice in a second trial.—Post-Dispatch.

The Missouri Federation of Co-operation Live Stock Shippers met at Columbia during Farmers' Week and elected the following directors: W. W. Fuqua, Monroe City; L. L. Worthman, Chula; C. A. Sackrey, Charleston; H. M. Phillips, Palmyra. Three more directors will be appointed by the executive committee of the Farm Bureau Federation within the next few weeks. This board will then choose from their own number officers for the ensuing year. The live stock shipping program at Farmers' Week was well attended, and this phase of cooperative marketing throughout the state gives evidence of steady and consistent progress.

The editor heard a thoughtless remark on the street the other day was personal. It was that "So-and-So is looking mighty seedy these days." That remark will fit almost everyone these days. The editor for one, tho' more or less frosted and frayed, would like to wear better clothes and be better barbered and groomed, but it takes money. We couldn't enjoy these blessings knowing that we got them on credit and was owing almost everybody. We would think everyone that we owed would say: "Why doesn't he pay his bills instead of putting it all on his back." With these thoughts in mind we would rather look seedy than to spruce up on credit. Frayed garments that are clean are a badge of honor these days for it is a sure sign that the wearer is trying to live within his means.

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We suppose every town has a certain number of petty thieves who carry off everything they can find lose in and around automobiles. Sikeston seems to have her share of these gentry and they have been particularly annoying of late. It seems a pity that the officers cannot catch these fellows and give them a good jail sentence. The whipping post would be the punishment that they deserve.

The Standard again calls attention to the officers of the law in Sikeston to the ordinance covering vagrancy. We believe if a man or boy who cannot show that he has a legitimate means of support, that he should be looked after under this ordinance. The curfew law might be invoked to advantage and if worked in conjunction with the vagrancy ordinance might be a forward step in keeping down a lot of petty pilfering that is going on. It is a mighty hard knock on the town for suit cases to be stolen from tourists cars right on Front street and no trace found.

One's pocketbook is the surest way to touch him. The Standard's paragraphs as to negro families in this vicinity have been actuated purely and simply by the desire to give these people every opportunity to develop the cotton industry in this community. It is absolutely necessary for the salvation of the farmer, the merchant and every tradesman, to produce something on the farm that will bring quick returns and sufficient to pay taxes, interest and his debts. The more wheat and corn he has raised of late years, the deeper in debt he became. Those who had fields of cotton last year made good money from it which has encouraged many to prepare for a large acreage this year. The negro of the South is the man that knows how to raise the crop and with his large family can gather it economically. The Standard editor does not believe in social equality of the white and black races, neither do these Southern negroes, so why should a few people object to securing the assistance of the man who can help us out of our financial difficulties.

Two lads were locked in the city jail Friday for breaking into a house. The third party had left town. Two of the three are on parole from the reform school and are certain of a term in the penitentiary. The boys who loaf and want to be sports have got to steal to get by. If the undertaker could have been called soon after birth, parents of such boys would be saved of heartaches and sorrow.

The Missouri Farm Bureau has announced the election of the following officers for 1923: President, John L. Boland, Wester Groves; vice president, L. W. Monness, Pettis County. New members of the Executive Committee are: J. W. Head, Marion County; Mrs. C. C. Schuttler, St. Francois County; Mrs. Harry Sneed, Pettis County. Directors to represent Missouri in the National Federation are: Mrs. W. O. Redgord, Warrensburg and L. L. Fitch of Linn County.

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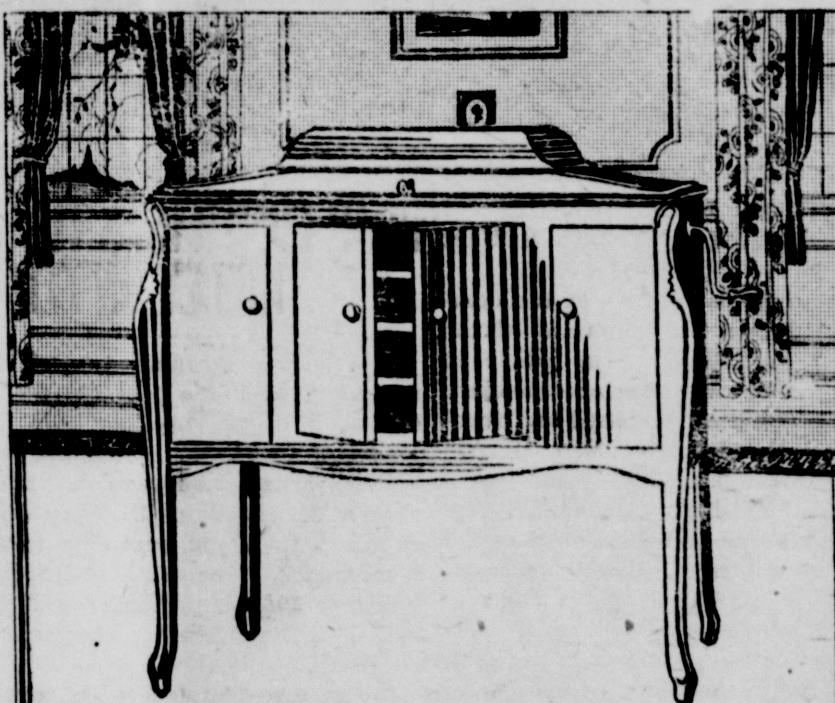
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

L. Deane went to Skeston Monday on business.

G. F. Deane is attending court in New Madrid.

Mrs. Louis Hunott was a Skeston visitor Friday.

Mrs. S. S. Surface was on the sick list last week.

G. D. Stetl went to Canabou Monday on business.

Mrs. Naoma Hall is very sick this week with the flu.

Ma and Mrs. Jenkins were Skeston visitors Monday.

Mrs. Presnell of Canabou was in Matthews Saturday.

W. S. Waters of New Madrid was in Matthews Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby motored to New Madrid Monday.

Harry Dover of Skeston was in Matthews Monday on business.

Royal A'cup and Fred Belt went to Skeston Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Dora Waters visited relatives in Skeston a few days last week.

John Graham went to Liloun Friday on business, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz and Chas. Granger motored to Skeston Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Moss of Caruthersville is visiting with relatives in Matthews this week.

Misses Sarah Allen and Genevieve Bazar of New Madrid were in Matthews Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Waters and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Water's mother, Mrs. Roe Hill.

Mr. Grabenhorst, president of the Canabou Bank, was in our city a few minutes Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Daugherty were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Daugherty Sunday.

Mrs. Amos Buchanan of Skeston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill, Sunday.

Miss Ella Brumfield of White Oak is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Gossitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belt and children spent Saturday and Sunday in Skeston with relatives.

Misses Mary James and Alma Woodruff spent Sunday with Misses Marie and Mary Deane.

Mrs. R. H. Byrd is spending the week in New Madrid with her daughter, Mrs. O. K. Mainord.

Miss Nora Hall of St. Louis spent a few days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Naoma Hall.

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, who has been very ill is reported much better.

Mrs. Elizaeth Gurley returned to her home in St. Louis Sunday after a brief visit with friends in Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Critchlow and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons Sunday.

Miss Camille Hill, who is attending school at Skeston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill.

Mrs. Earl Swartz returned home Saturday from Urbana, Ill., where she has been about six weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGee and little son Ralph, spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Loy Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randolph and little son of Pharris Ridge spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Nannie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Caldwell and babe of Skeston spent Sunday with Mrs. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks.

Mrs. Alent Deane and little daughter Helen and Mrs. Loy Roberts motored to Skeston Monday afternoon on business.

Mr. Metzger and two daughters, Misses Mayme and Elva of Hayti spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and little daughter of New Madrid spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Steele.

Mrs. G. F. Deane and daughters, Misses Alice and Frankie, daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alert Deane and little daughter spent Saturday in New Madrid with Mrs. Aubrey Lumit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alville Fulkerson of Farrenburg and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutton of this place spent Sunday with Mrs. Fulkerson's and Mrs. Sutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and little daughter Majola, and son Billie and Mr. Metzger and two daughters, Misses Mayme and Elva of Hayti, spent Sunday in East Prairie with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Russell.

Riley Matheena, living on the farm of James Gossitt, two miles east of Matthews, died Saturday, January 27, with pneumonia, after a short illness. He leaves a wife and one small child to mourn his death. He was buried at Big Opening graveyard Sunday.

Attention, Homer Decker

Fletcher Henstep was a caller at the Tidings office while in Tickville last Saturday, trying to get his paper stopped.

Encomiums of praise is now going out for the Tickville Steam Laundry, as it has a man's shirt and collar ready for him last week on the day they were promised.

Yam Sims has often read that fish was a fine brain food, but that he saw Cricket Hicks eat 35 cents worth at Bounding Billows Wednesday without showing any signs of improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Schreff have moved to their home on Kendall street.

SIKESTON GIRLS WIN FROM POPLAR BLUFF 12 TO 10

The girls' basketball team met the Poplar Bluff girls on the local court Friday night of last week and were victorious by two points, the score being 12 to 10.

The game opened with both teams determined to be the victorious one. It was plain to be seen from the start that our girls outclassed the opposition 3 a.m.

Our star forward, Hilma Black, proved her efficiency in throwing free goals. At the end of the first half the score stood six to one in our favor. Thanks to the ability of our star guards, Lena Platt and Lottie Doyce.

The second half opened with Poplar Bluff team more determined than ever, as their playing showed renewed pep. Unfortunately Lena Platt was hurt and had to be taken out.

Ruby Richards replaced Lena at guard and Dorothy Lillard replaced Ruby at running center.

The other members of the team deserve honorable mention for their excellent playing.

Poplar Bluff scored six points in the last four minutes of the game, making the game a very close one.

Thus it ended in Skeston's favor 12 to 10.

First Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School. Classes for all ages and grades. Come and help the school to grow.

11:00—Morning Worship. Spiritual songs and prayer followed by preaching of the word: "The Christian and the Holy Spirit."

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. meets for Bible Study and social worship. The study that we may serve is our motto.

7:30—Evening Worship. Song service led by the choir. The pastor will preach the word.

We invite you to worship with us.

REV. S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed motored down from Benton Saturday and returned Sunday.

Levi Cook, who has been in Mississippi for the past several weeks, has returned to Skeston.

Mrs. Sallie Stanley, who lives about six miles east of this city, has been granted the privilege of a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, says the Index. Mrs. Stanley has been a member of the church for years and has been of great service to her community. She is the first woman in Stockard county, and probably in Southeast Missouri, to receive such papers. They were authorized by the District Conference held in St. Louis a few weeks ago. Only a few women in the Methodist denomination are granted license to preach and Mrs. Stanley happens to be one of the few.

Mr. and Mrs. Collie of Prairie street have a new son at their house, born last week.

The Co-Workers will have their regular meeting in the Methodist church parlors. A large attendance is requested as the ladies will tack comforts.

The Federal Trade Commission was directed by the Senate to make a sweeping investigation into all branches of the cotton industry, including production, marketing and mill operations.

The Elm Grove Farm shipped to Mrs. A. S. B. Smith, Dexter, Mo., two Barred Rock cockerels Tuesday of this week. They also delivered to Mrs. G. R. Harper of Skeston, one cockerel. They have one dozen hens for sale.

One of the twins of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Atkinson, age 1 year and 3 months, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday afternoon. The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson in the loss of their little one.

W. E. Shankle has purchased the property just west of the Singer Machine Shop, from Mr. Frank Sikes. Mr. Shankle is planning to move the house that is on the lot to the back part of same, and make a 8-room stucco home and the front part of the lot will be occupied by a brick store room 20x50 which will be used as his Singer Machine Shop, which will be a big improvement over the old building on West Center street.

A. B. Proffer has received a kit of carpenter's tools that belonged to his father and were the kind in use before the Civil War. One the inside of the chest is the words "George Proffer 1869". There are all sorts of planes, those for tongue and groove work, for mouldings and straight cut work. These planes had wood set screws and could be regulated to a hair. George Proffer was born in Cape Girardeau County, but moved to Stockard County, where he lived until his death at the age of 82 years.

John Walker died on Thursday of last week of meningitis following the flu, and was buried Sunday afternoon in the Skeston cemetery, Rev. S. P. Brite conducting the funeral services. Mr. Walker leaves a wife and five children to mourn his passing. They are: Todd Walker, living in Fresno, Calif., who was unable to attend the funeral; Miss Kathryn, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Orland, who lives in Arkansas and Winsel of Cape Girardeau, who were at home for the funeral. A little daughter, Wanda Lee, age 5 years completes the immediate family. Bennett Walker is a brother of the deceased. Mr. Walker has been a resident of this community for the past several years and was one of our substantial farmers. The many friends of the family join The Standard in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Miss Freda Reese spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Bell and daughter, Mrs. Reuben Becker, left Sunday to be at the bedside of Mrs. Bell's son, who is in a critical condition at Waukegan, Ill.

Felix Le Sieur, of the Cape Misaurian, spent the week-end with his wife in this city. He will move to Cape as soon as he is able to secure suitable quarters.

Miss Jack Albright of Skeston enrolled this week as a student in the Chillicothe Business College at Chillicothe, for the work in the stenographic Department of that institution.

The Skeston Concrete Tile & Construction Co. are making alteration to the interior of the E. C. Matthews home. They will remodel the interior of the Murray Klein home recently purchased on South Kingshighway and make it modern in every way.

Roy C. Mitchell, 30 years of age, an engineer of the Highway Department of this District and working in Perry and Ste. Genevieve Counties, was injured in an elevator in St. Louis last week from which he died an hour later. The body was taken to Union City, Tenn., for burial.

The top of the hog market Wednesday was \$8.90 in St. Louis. Nothing the farmer can raise has held its own since the war as the hog. Sikes & Renner's Duroc sale February 20, and C. L. Blanton & Sons' sale of Poland Chinas, February 27, will offer an opportunity for the farmer to purchase bred sows and gilts right at home at their own price.

"Pat", the big collie dog who has been a boarder at the Blanton house for the past two years, is no more, having cashed in Tuesday afternoon. Ten days ago he was out in dog society, when the leader of the bunch, "Nancy Blue", was shot by a farmer. The gun scattered considerable and Pat got a few bird shot through his inwards, so the post mortem showed. He was laid away in the shade of the trees at Elm Grove Farm late Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Potashnick is home from St. Louis, where she went for a visit with her son, Harry McGee, who is in a hospital taking treatment for a shattered hip one received by a pistol ball while stationed at Poplar Bluff with the National Guard. It was first thought the bullet had missed the bone, but an X-ray showed that the bone had been splintered and healed in such a way that made the wounded leg shorter than the other. The hospital surgeons are using a weight in an attempt to cause the healed bone to separate so they can remove the splinters. Though only a lad, Harry is a real soldier, and it has taken grit and courage to go through what he has. Here's hoping that he will soon be able to return home as good as new.

Miss Golda Fowler visited in Cairo Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Over the Hills to the Poor House" played by The Princess Stock Co. at the Malone Theatre next Monday night.

Miss Catherine Walker of Cincinnati, formerly of this city, was here Friday, enroute to Morehouse, Mo., where she was called by the serious illness of her father, John Walker.—Cairo Citizen.

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon with a splendid attendance. After

the regular business was concluded the Club decided to have a book show for the grade school. Mrs. Lynn Stalcup with Mrs. Roy V. Ellise and Mrs. Moore Graer will sponsor same. Mrs. C. C. White and Mrs. L. O. Rodas gave a splendid report of the District Meeting held in Farmington in November. The program for the afternoon with Mrs. C. C. White as leader, assisted by Mrs. G. A. Dempster, Mrs. Joe Stubbs, Jr., and Mrs. Newton was a very enjoyable program. The next meeting will be an open meeting and Prof. Douglass of the Southeast Missouri Teachers College of Cape Girardeau, will speak.

MALONE THEATRE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5th

Nights 7:15 O'clock

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

PRINCESS STOCK CO.

Presents

"Over The Hills To The Poorhouse"

Admission 20c and 40c

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

"A Sin Against Society"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

"Nothing But The Truth"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

"Daddy Long Legs"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

"Steve's Pal"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

"Smiles, or Because She Loved Him So"

Coming:—Monday and Tuesday, February 12 and 13

THOMAS MEIGHAN IN GEORGE ADE'S

"Back Home and Broke"

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Read about the wonderful opportunities for "live wires"
of Scott and adjoining counties to win prizes
worth thousands of dollars

ABSOLUTELY FREE!

PRISON TERM GIVEN WOMAN

New Madrid, January 27.—Mrs. Myrtle Williams, charged with the murder of her husband, Joe, several months ago at Gideon, pleaded guilty to a modified charge of manslaughter in circuit court here Friday and was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary.

The case has been continued a number of times.

Mrs. Williams was charged with stabbing her husband to death during an argument between them. Williams was a laborer, employed by the Gideon-Anderson Lumber Company, at Gideon.

TWO HOGS WORTH MORE THAN \$100,000

Memphis, Tenn., January 29.—Pine Crest Farm at Charleston, Miss., owned by Col. Tom James, famous Mississippi planter, has bought the Duroc Jersey oar, Jackson Orion King. To the average farmer and to the layman the announcement carries nothing particularly significant, but to the swine world it is great news.

Jackson Orion King, one of the great family of Orion Cherry Kings, is the boar for which Hugh White of Columbus, Miss., paid \$32,000 less than three years ago.

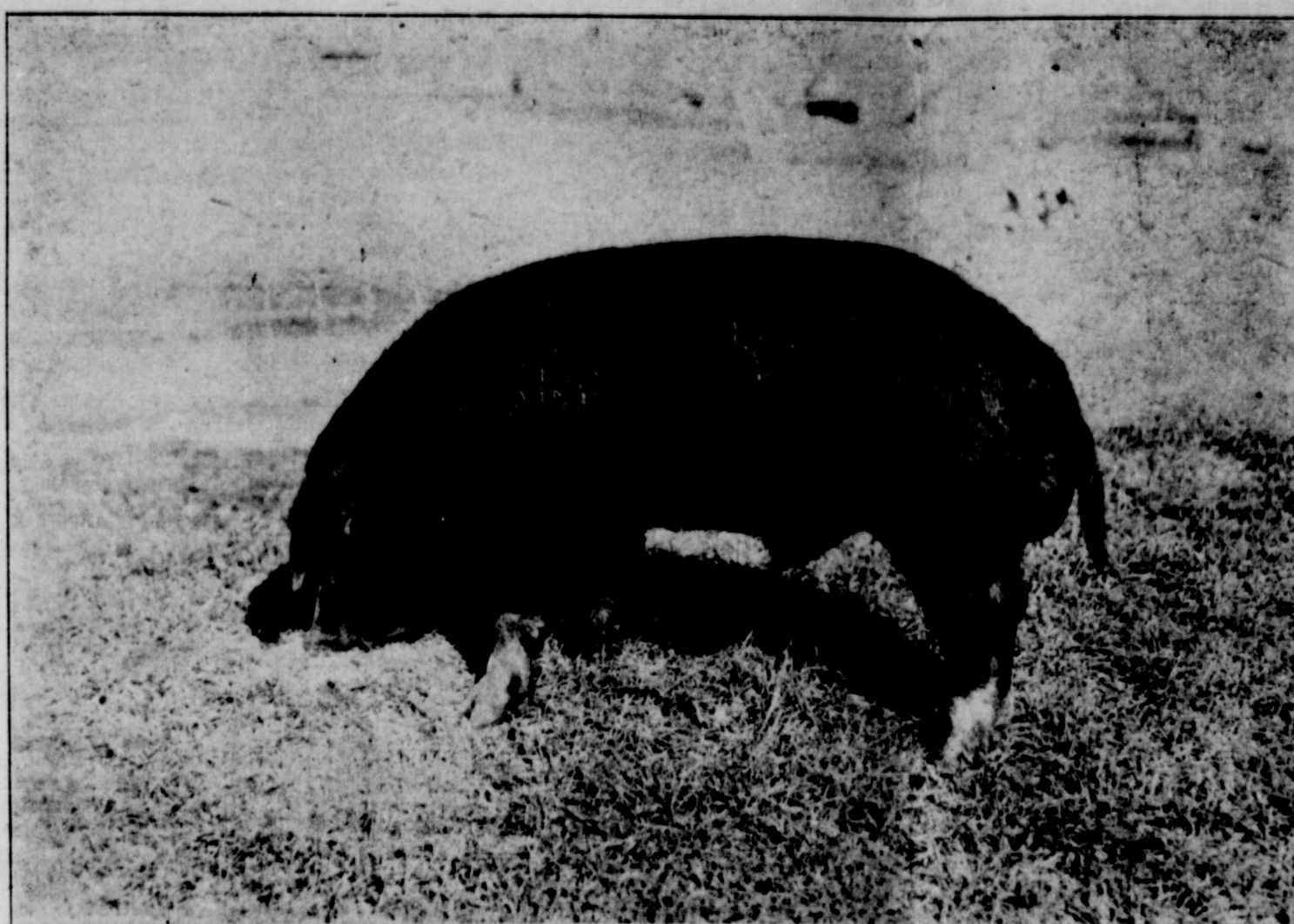
More interesting, however, is the news that this famous purple-blooded prince of swindom is to be a herd mate of famous Scissors. Scissors is the hog for which Col. James coolly refused \$75,000 cash less than three years ago.

In other words, Pine Crest Farm now is the home of two hogs worth more than \$100,000.

Architect Lindsay attended to professional business in Charleston and Bridges Monday.

Prof. Seneca, of the Southeast Missouri Teachers College, Cape Girardeau will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Skeston High School this year.

A rather peculiar incident occurred at the Marsh saw mill here last Tuesday. An oak log about 28 inches in diameter was on the carriage, and while cutting a line near the center of the log the saw struck a hard substance, which was evidenced by flying sparks and the unusual noise made by the saw. Upon examination it was found that the saw had struck a pocket knife. The knife, which had a blade about three inches long, seemed to be in a well preserved condition except for the damage the saw had inflicted. Harold Marsh says that the long was sound and had no holes nor rotten places in it. Just how the knife became imbedded ten inches deep in a sound oak tree is a thing we shall not attempt to explain, but that the knife was there is a fact that has been established by the best of evidence.—Greenville Sun.



Julius Caesar 116955

One of the best boars in the corn belt to be sold by the Elm Grove Farm, February 27

The Alter Society of the Catholic Church met with Mrs. George Middleton Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mable Moebe left Wednesday for Oklahoma, to join Mr. Moebe for an indefinite stay.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Matthews, who has been ill, is improving, we are glad to report.

Congress will soon be hearing from 8,000,000 American farmers unless it gives consideration to Henry Ford's offer for leasing Muscle Shoals. Representative Sandlin, Democrat, of Louisiana, said in the House Monday, He declared the bill had been held up too long and that there was a growing demand for action one way or the other.

The Miner Community meeting held January 19 was reported to have been a very interesting one. The live stock chairman reported excellent results with the worm remedy handled by the Farm Bureau. Mr. Reiss reported that he had gotten an ice cream factory man who would look over the District with a view of establishing a factory in Skeston. It was decided to set trees out on the community grounds and Messrs. Wilson, Grigsby and Porter were appointed as a committee to see that it was done. A general discussion of cotton and cotton marketing was held with W. H. Tanner leading. At the next meeting on February 9, peanuts will be the topic. The annual election of officers will be held.

To the Retail Merchants of Communities served by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company:

Have you heard of the golden opportunity that will be yours in Hotel Statler, of St. Louis, on February 6, 7 and 8, when the "More Merchandise Conference" will be held in conjunction with the Seventh District Conference of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World? Well, you have the tip now, in any event, and here are a few of the reasons why you should avail of this opportunity to go to St. Louis for this exceptional occasion:

(1) There will be extraordinary educational features in the form of actual business getting methods and demonstrations for retail merchants, including store display and arrangement, show window display, show card writing, newspaper advertisement writing, discussions on cost accounting and turnover, how to make effective use of retail sales help, using the manufacturers' circulars to greater advantage, etc. All of this work will be under the direction of the foremost authorities and experts in the various lines of merchandising effort.

(2) There will be thirty speakers of national prominence, who know the problems of the retailer, to talk on up-to-the-minute retail subjects—such men as Fred P. Mann, Devil's Lake, N. D., George W. Hopkins, Sales Manager, Columbia Graphophone Co., R. E. Shannon, Washington, Iowa, Gov. Sam'l. R. McKelvie of Nebraska and many others.

(3) You are anxious, naturally, to improve your business methods, to better serve your patrons, and to increase your volume of sales. To accomplish these things you can profit very substantially at this St. Louis conference by the expert advice of specialists whose studies and experiences have qualified them as authorities in propounding the latest and most effective methods of modern store operations, and in the processes of the most effective contact and co-operation with manufacturers and wholesalers.

(4) There will be special railroad fares on basis of one and one-half the round-trip rate, on certificate plan, tickets to be on sale in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Memphis, Tennessee, February 2-8 inclusive, bearing final return limit of February 12th.

COME TO ST. LOUIS—for this eventful Conference and you will take back home with you not only "a big bundle of big ideas", but, as well, a whole lot of inspiration that will, in their application and reaction, reap substantial profits for you.

For further information, address the Secretary of the Advertising Club of St. Louis, Hotel Statler, St. Louis.

At Alto Crucero, in Bolivia, water freezes every night of the year, while at noonday the sun is sometimes hot enough to blister the flesh.

The cut of lumber is decreasing in all the Eastern States; in practically every State west of the Great Plains it is increasing, says the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The principal source of softwood lumber for the entire Nation will soon have shifted to the West Coast and the average freight cost paid by the home builder or manufacturer will have advanced to a new and higher level.

PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING SCOTT COUNTY BUREAU

Benton, February 5:
9:30—Meeting called to order by President.

Reading of minutes of last meeting by Secretary.

President's address, Albion Anderson.

Report of Treasurer, W. H. Heisserer.

Report of County Agent, W. E. Foard.

Report of Poultry Work, J. J. Reiss.

10:30—Report of Live Stock Shipping Work.

Oran Shipping Ass'n., Simon Bolinger, Mgr.

Commerce Shipping Ass'n., Carl Luper, Mgr.

Sikeston Shipping Ass'n., Phil Renner, Mgr.

11:00—Report of State Farm Bureau Meeting, L. A. Schott, delegate.

Report of Melon Association, Morcy Gaty, Mgr.

Report of Sunflower Growers Ass'n., R. H. Bierschwal, Mgr.

Report of dress form work at Commerce, Mrs. Joe Ellis.

Report of millinery and dress form work at Morley, Mrs. C. C. Bryans.

12:00 to 1:00—Lunch served by ladies of Benton.

1:00—Election of officers.

1:30—Stunt by Miner Community.

Talk—Woman's Part in Farm Bureau, Mrs. Louis Watkins.

Talk—The Farmer's Opportunity, Father C. Moenig.

2:00—Orderly Marketing of Cotton, J. D. Coghlan.

3:00—Address, Prof. A. J. Meyer, College of Agriculture.

Come in time to start promptly at 9:30. If we can start on time the program will not consume all the time and there will be given a chance to take up special matters that any member may care to present.

It Was Too Much

A trial was going on in a courthouse of a little Southern town. One of the witnesses was a black negro, who evidently had been coached by his lawyer and told exactly what to say when called upon.

Everything worked all right until the negro got on the stand and saw the crowd of faces looking at him. Then he seemed to be overcome with a species of stage fright. His lawyer, Mr. Richard, shook his eyeglasses in the direction of the witness, whom he had coached so faithfully, and said in an impressive tone: "Now, Rufus, tell the Court and jury everything you know about this case!"

Rufus, looking terrified, started in, but surprised everybody with the answer: "Ladies and gentlemen, when I stahted fo' de cout house dis mawin' dey wuz only two people in de world dat knew what I wuz to say—me and Mistah Richard. Now Mistah Richard am de only one that knows!"

In India the educated women, belonging to the well-to-do families, devote themselves to philanthropic activities of one kind or another.

A wedding in Afghanistan is followed by much noise and merry-making, the idea being that the more noise that is made the more successful the marriage will be.

Special care is required to keep milking machines clean so that they will not be a source of contamination for the milk that passes through them. After many tests the United States Department of Agriculture has decided that the heat method—that is, the use of hot water at a temperature of 160 degrees to 170 degrees F—is much better for sterilization than solutions such as chlorin or salt and chlorin. The salt-chlorin solution was found to be no better than the plain chlorin solution.

SMALL MELON CROP LIKELY FOR SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Poplar Bluff, Mo., January 27.—Southeast Missouri will lose its reputation as the greatest watermelon section of the United States this year.

A small proportion of the acreage usually planted to melons will be planted to them, farmers declare.

For the past five years virtually every farmer in this section who has raised watermelons has lost. Last year, it is estimated, 2000 carloads of melons rotted in the fields, or were fed to the hogs. This was little less than half of the melons grown in this part of the State.

Inability to get freight cars to move the crop resulted in heavy losses. The melons that were shipped, nearly 4000 cars in all, barely paid expenses because of high freight rates and poor market conditions. Farmers in some localities were forced to sell melons at \$1 a wagon load, and then had to haul them to the little towns near their farms.

This year millions of white cotton bolls will appear where for years "Southeast Missouri Honey Heart Melons" have grown.

Data gathered by farmers indicate that not more than 1500 carloads of melons will be produced in this part of the state.

Melvin Capps of Canolou died of pneumonia and was buried Wednesday at Morley. Mr. Capps was 26 years old at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his death besides his sister, Mrs. Biggs of Morley. The funeral was conducted by the Dempster Undertaking Co.

The livestock producers of the United States are protected against the dangers of various plagues of domestic animals existent in other countries by quarantine regulations enforced by representatives of the Bureau of Animal Industry. Never in our history has this country been so menaced by foot and mouth disease as in the last few years. It has existed in European, Asiatic, and South American countries and still exists in many of them, but our inspectors keep a watch and hope to prevent another entry. Other serious diseases of domestic animals that have been kept out are contagious pleuropneumonia, rinderpest, surra, and Malta fever.

Cotton Seed For Planting

Three of the Best Early Varieties

Grown by us in Mississippi County, Ark. Guaranteed to be sound and carefully ginned—\$350 Express (Burdette) 1 1-8" to 1 3-16". Improved Trice 1 1-16". Half and half 1 1" full. Put up in 100 lb. bags of even weight. Price \$2.00 per bu. in small lots f. o. b. Wilson, Ark. Write for prices on ton lots or more.

We will also sell a limited amount of our wonderful Willipres Wallipres Seed Staples 1 1-16". The heaviest yielder of the cotton family. Price \$5.00 per bu. Only one bag (3 bu.) will be sold to same party.

L. Gathings & Co., Box 211, Wilson, Ark.

FEED REQUIRED TO FATTEN CARLOAD OF LIVESTOCK

How much feed does it take to fatten a carload of cattle, hogs, or sheep? Here are some figures based on investigations by the United States Department of Agriculture:

Six hundred bushels of corn and 17 tons of hay will fatten 250 lambs weighing 55 pounds each and make them weigh 80 pounds. This will make 1 double-deck carload.

Four hundred and fifty bushels of corn and 2750 pounds of tankage or fish meal will fatten 70 hogs averaging 100 pounds, to 200 pounds, making 1 carload.

One thousand one hundred bushels of corn, 10 tons of alfalfa hay, and 5 tons of straw will fatten 20 steers averaging 850 pounds making them gain 325 pounds each in 180 days. This is an average carload.

A Lesson For Missouri

The Missouri State Highway Commission and others responsible for the expenditure of this State's \$60,000,000 road fund might find profit in a study of New Jersey's recent experiences, with a \$40,000,000 fund voted for the same purposes.

Gov. Silzer has removed the eight members of the State's Highway Commission and in a report to the Legislature declares there has been gross profiteering by favored contractors. It appears to have been the practice to call for a "patent" paving in closed specifications. The bids were \$2.35 a square yard, while other sheet asphalt of as good quality could have been had at \$1.50. This difference of 85 cents, Gov. Silzer pointed out, would have amounted to a scheme had not been nipped in the bud. He recommends a change in the State road laws to provide for open specifications. He also attacked the cement combination, which, he said, had run up the price of its product from 60 cents to \$2 a barrel. As a remedy for this he urges fresh prosecution in the Federal courts under the antitrust laws.

It cannot be doubted that the same influence will be at work in Missouri and familiarity with their practices is highly desirable if the people are to get value received for the outlay.—Post-Dispatch.

Pete Renner transacted business in Bloomfield Monday.

Clovers makes excellent feed whether used as pasture, as hay, or as silage crops. Because of the high protein content they are valuable for growing animals and a good supplement to corn. One ton of clover hay, says the United States Department of Agriculture, has a feeding value for fattening animals equal to 1 1/2 tons of timothy hay, three-fourths ton of shelled corn, or two-thirds ton of wheat bran.

The soy bean can be grown successfully with corn and is becoming a very popular crop in the Corn Belt, as it can be hogged down and helps to balance the ration of corn. It can be grown on a wide range of soils, but inoculation is necessary when it is grown for the first time, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The hay from this crop contains a high percentage of protein and is palatable. This plant adds a great deal to the value of silage when it is grown with silage corn.

In the past 15 years the United States Department of Agriculture has conducted breeding experiments in which 34,000 guinea pigs were used. As a result of this work it has been found that inbreeding weakens the animals in many respects and that by crossing the inbred families there is a rapid improvement, some of the improvements being at the maximum in the first generation. The crossbred animals resulting were even better than the random-bred families that were used as checks on the inbred families.

NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Annual Meeting of Skeston Live Stock Association

The annual meeting of the Skeston Live Stock Shipping Association will be held at the City Hall in Skeston Tuesday, February 6th. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 p. m.

The Skeston Live Stock Shipping Association has shipped approximately forty cars of live stock since their organization about one year ago. They have a membership of about seventy-three farmers who use this Association. The farmers are saving considerable money by shipping thru their organization and selling on the St. Louis market.

Officers and the Board of Directors are to be elected at this meeting. The manager of the Live Stock Association will give his report of last year's business.

Cotton Gin at Malden

The farmers in the vicinity of Malden are holding a meeting on Friday, February 2nd. This meeting will be held in the afternoon and the farmers propose to organize this gin company under the Co-operative Law, M. F. Ehlers of New Madrid, President of the Farmers Gin Company, will discuss the proposition with the men at this meeting.

This meeting has been called by the Dunklin County Farm Bureau.

New Madrid Boys Lose

Playing a game which resulted in a good practice for our local boys, New Madrid boys lost, score 70-4.

In the first half Skeston's second team, with the exception of Johnny Fox, held their opponents to a 28 to 4 score. The line-up remained the same throughout the half.

The first team went in the second half to finish the job, and accomplished their purpose as the game ended 70 to 4, in favor of Skeston.

Both teams played exceptionally clean basketball, but the New Madrid team was too small and slow for our more experienced players. The fans were convinced of a winning boys' basketball team next year by the good showing made by the second team boys.

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe in first class condition. Inquire at Standard office, 1f.

FOR SALE—14 hives of bees in good condition. See or phone O. R. Fahrner, 464. 2tp.

FOR SALE—4 pure bred Rhode Island Red cockers, \$1.50 each.—Elmer Frazier, Seed Store. 1tpd.

FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Also two rooms to rent not furnished.—304 S. Kingshighway.

LOST OR STOLEN—Brown Ranger bicycle. Taken from High School Monday, January 15. Reward for return.—John Putnam, 500 Prosperity St.

HOTEL FOR SALE—Reasonable, 24 rooms. Only first class hotel in town of 4000. Reason for selling, sickness.—Mrs. J. R. Ragsdale, Chaffee, Mo. 3t

WANTED—Man with car to sell complete line low priced TIRES AND TUBES. \$100.00 per week and expenses. Sterlingworth Tire Co., 2531 Sterling, E. Liverpool, Ohio.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—One light bay mare with blaze face, one dark bay mare, small white spot on right foreleg. Liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery. See or phone Albert L. Adams, Portageville, Mo. 1tpd.

FORMER CANCER SUFFERER ENJOYS PERFECT HEALTH

Sheldon, Mo., Man Tells How Others Can Quickly Get Rid of Affliction

No one would ever suspect that W. H. Duncan, Sheldon, Mo., resident, was once the victim of a very bad Cancer on his neck. He says he enjoys perfect health now, and he looks it.

Mr. Duncan says he was permanently cured by a mild medical treatment discovered by Dr. O. A. Johnson, noted specialist of Kansas City. "I cannot speak too highly of Dr. Johnson's treatment," he says. "It is now thirteen years since he cured me. I have never had any symptoms of return."

The treatment referred to was perfected by Dr. Johnson after nearly twenty-five years of cancer study and research. It entirely does away with surgery. Purely medicinal measures are employed; that is, external applications to destroy the cancer and internal medication to purify the blood. The treatment is very mild and usually requires only two to six weeks.

Full information about the method and its success may be obtained in a new edition of a 168-page book, "Cancer Truths", which will be sent free to anyone interested. Merely send your name and address to Dr. O. A. Johnson, Suite 534, 1324 Main St., Kansas City, Mo., and you will receive a copy by return mail, postpaid, without cost or obligation.

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LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

Miss Gladys Harris was a Cairo visitor Tuesday.

Walter Meier of Blytheville spent Sunday with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. French of Gideon were in our city Friday on business.

C. F. Meentemeyer of Gideon was a business visitor in New Madrid Monday.

Judge B. F. Swartz of Matthews was a business visitor in our city Tuesday.

W. F. Brewer and W. Holdaway of Conran attended Circuit Court in New Madrid Monday.

E. J. Deal and G. W. Ivins of Cape Girardeau were business visitors in New Madrid Monday.

Atty. C. S. Hale and J. Val Baker of Morehouse attended Circuit Court in New Madrid Saturday.

Atty. Ralph Wommack and A. T. Welborn of Bloomfield attended court in New Madrid this week.

Attorney E. F. Sharp of Marston was looking after professional matters in New Madrid Tuesday.

A. J. Matthews of Sikeston and Caleb Matthews of Oran made a business trip to New Madrid Friday.

Miss La Rue Townsend of Parma spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Townsend of this city.

Mrs. George La Plant of Barnes Ridge was a guest of the home of Mrs. Lizzie Park in this city Sunday.

Frank K. Ashy, attorney-at-law of Charleston, was looking after professional matters in New Madrid this week.

Willie Knott of Chaffee arrived Monday for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knott of this city.

F. R. Jerald of Paragould, Claim Agent for the Cotton Belt attended Circuit Court Tuesday in the interest of the Company.

Misses Leona Gallivan and Frances Richards and L. A. Lewis, Jr., attended the picture show at Sikeston Tuesday evening.

Robert Knott returned to Dyersburg Monday and was accompanied as far as Memphis by Robert La Valle and Lee Smalley.

Mrs. T. F. Henry returned Tuesday from Caledonia, where she was called by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. James C. Smith.

Mrs. Alice Jones of Malden and Miss Bertha Overfield of Parma accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Milas Ford of Parma to our city Monday.

Attorneys Ralph E. Bailey of Sikeston, R. S. Rutledge of Malden and Valentine Perkins of Lilbourn attended Circuit Court in New Madrid Friday.

Mrs. Bennett T. Waites and Mrs. E. G. Rockhill spent Tuesday with their sister, Mr. Quintis Richards, en route to their home in Birmingham, Ala., having visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Finley of Charleston.

Miss Gladys Loud entertained the High School teachers, Miss Genevieve Bazan and A. J. Renner of Sikeston and Robert Bierschwal of this city, with a Rook party at her home last Thursday evening. After the game a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

Miss Linda Stewart was the gracious hostess for the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Simmons on Powell avenue last Tuesday. Mrs. H. M. Shaffer of South Bend, Ind. and Mrs. J. C. St. Mary and Mrs. Fred Weigle of this city as substitutes. Mrs. St. Mary, scoring highest, received a boudoir cap. A very delicious salad luncheon was served after the game.

Sheriff Ambrose Kerr left Saturday night, accompanied by two deputies, P. S. Meadows of Morehouse and A. W. Wilkey, of Risco, for Jefferson City, to place the following prisoners, who were sentenced this January Term of Circuit Court in the State penitentiary: George Butler and G. F. Alley, for rape, 2 years; Frank Brown, grand larceny, 2 years; Money Williams, colored woman, for murder of her husband and plead guilty and received sentence of 5 years.

The funeral of G. W. Shirkey was held Sunday at 2 p. m. at his place of abode in the rear of his store, by Rev. W. A. Humphrey, pastor of the M. E. Church. Interment at Evergreen cemetery. Mr. Shirkey died on Wednesday, January 24, after several weeks illness of the flu. He was of French descent and a son of B. Shirkey and was a native of New Madrid County, where he lived most of his life. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil War. After the war, he married, two daughter being born to the union. One daughter survives him, Mrs. Lucinda Williams of Memphis, Tenn., who was with her father during his last illness. Mr. Shirkey was a successful grocery man in New Madrid for many years.

The Dexter Statesman in a column comment on the W. E. Whitecotton bill in the House at Jefferson City winds up the article as follows: "We are glad to know that Whitecotton misrepresents Paris and Monroe county, rather than represents them, but we still wonder how it ever happened that the home of The Paris Appeal and the brilliant Jack Blanton could ever make such a mistake as to consider 'poor middling' good lining for a lawmakers toga although it was Whitecotton. What is revealed above shows the author of the Whitecotton proposition to be a tight wad, a tax-dodger, a 'coon-hunting' four-flusher and a false alarm. And he misrepresents the Democratic party as much as he represents the people who elected him."

FARM BUREAU NEWS OF SCOTT COUNTY

Cotton did very fine in Scott County last year. It helped a number of people out of a tight hole. It may be that 1922 was a better year for cotton than the average, nevertheless we believe, by the use of the night seed and proper methods that cotton will be a dependable crop in Scott County every year.

The Farm Bureau does not advocate that you put your whole farm in cotton, not even half of it, but it does recommend that every farmer having suitable land grow some cotton. A profitable and permanent agriculture depends upon a definite farming plan including livestock and crop rotation. Make cotton a part of your plan, not the whole plan.

This far north it will be very important to have a short staple early maturing variety. The large boll varieties are much preferable to the small boll ones. The varieties recommended by the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, as a result of several years experiments in Dunklin County, are Acala, Triumph and Cleveland big boll. All are large bolls, early maturing varieties.

DO NOT plant cheap gin run seed. If so, you will get everything, which means nothing.

USE ONLY pure seed. Even tho' it costs more it will be cheaper.

Be sure you don't plant more than you have labor to properly hoe out and cultivate. Labor can be imported to help pick cotton next fall.

There will be a number of meetings held in the county during the next month, for the purpose of giving you a chance to hear real cotton men talk and to ask them questions about the growing and marketing of cotton.

The County Agent and Farm Bureau Office are at your service for help in the production of this new crop.

If you are going to grow cotton this year, you will be benefited by attending one of the meetings scheduled below.

J. D. Coghlan of Dallas, Texas, who is with the American Cotton Growers Exchange and who is one of the best cotton men in the United States, will speak on the growing and marketing of cotton at the following places in Scott County. Mr. Coghlan knows the cotton game. He is a large planter himself and is a good speaker. You will miss something good if you fail to hear him.

Schedule of meetings:
Monday, February 5, 7:30 p. m.—Majestic Theatre, Oran.

Tuesday, February 6, 2:30 p. m.—Liberty Theatre, Morley.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Vanduser.
Wednesday, February 7, 2:30 p. m.—Town Hall, Commerce.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—School building, Blodgett.

There are a number of new farmers who have recently moved into the county to grow cotton. Will you please notify any such parties in your community.

Remember the date. Go to the meeting most convenient for you and bring your neighbors with you. It may mean dollars to you if you will attend one of these meetings.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

J. F. Waters and wife to Green Ball, both of Matthews: All of lot 23 and all of lot 22 in Matthews 4th add. to the town of Matthews, 1200.

Charles H. Bivens and wife of Parma to Adam Grubbs of Stoddard County: 0.11 in block 28, Cooper's Add. to the city of Parma, \$350.

W. C. Ross and wife to Lee Hamby all of New Madrid County: Lot 3 in block 11 in the original plot of Parma, \$100.

Charles E. Bailey and wife of Gideon to J. A. Whitledge and Cecil Whitledge S½ of lot 1 in block 1; S½ of lot 2 in block 1 all of lot 7, block 2 all of lots 3, 4 and 6 in block 14; all lot lots 9 and 10 in block 20, \$4000.

J. A. Whitledge and wife to Hattie Bailey all of Gideon: Lots 3, 4 and 6 in block 14; all of lots 9 and 10 in block 20, \$2000.

Valentine Perkins and Bessie V. Perkins to Elbert T. Wren of Lilbourn: All of lots 3 and 4 in block 6 in L. A. Lewis 2nd add. the city of Lilbourn, \$110.

Marriage License
John Jackson and Rosa Hardwick, both of Portageville.

Orbin Thomas Watson and Nora Lena Bradhma, both of Gideon.

Virgin Hoss and Stella May McBride, both of Parma.

W. L. Gibbs and Brittie May Starns, both of Gideon.

COMING. PRINCESS STOCK COMPANY

The management of the Malone Theatre has booked for the week of February 5 The Princess Stock Co., which comes very highly recommended and is playing nothing but high class Royalty plays with entire change of program each evening. The Company is one of the best touring this territory this season and will no doubt be a treat to the show-going people of Sikeston. Among the plays they will play will be such as "Over the Hills to the Poor House," "Daddy Long Legs" and "Nothing But the Truth", these being just a few of the many in which they show during their engagement at the Malone Theatre. The Company also carries a band, which gives concerts each evening in front of the theatre. Miss Toots Eyre also sings at each concert. Remember the opening play "Over the Hills to the Poor House" Monday night.

COMMON HOG SENSE

William H. Sikes

A series of sales of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs by three of the best known breeders in Southeast Missouri is causing considerable interest among the farmers of this section of the State. Johnson & Buck of Bloomfield, Blue Ribbon Stock Farm, Sikes & Renner, Prop., Sikeston, and the Gideon Anderson Lumber Co., of Gideon, are the three firms who will offer the "Aristocrats of Swine" on February 19, 20 and 21, respectively.

It is interesting in this connection to consider the hog, from the viewpoint of the farmer, to compare the pure bred to the scrub or grade and to study the record of achievement of the Duroc Jersey in particular.

During the past few years, or to be exact, since the beginning of the period of deflation, the farmer has been hard put to make ends meet. Their reduced prices of grain, the high price of labor, comparatively, the unsatisfactory shipping facilities, have added to his woes. Very few, if any farmers, regardless of location, quality of land, or method of tilling, who have devoted their activities to the production of grain for the market as grain, have been successful from a financial standpoint. Those who have marketed their grain in the form of pork, have, on the other hand, been almost without exception, able to show a comfortable margin of profit.

So many things enter into the discussion as to why the price of hogs has remained unusually high in proportion to the price of other products of the farm, that it would be tedious to go in detail. The fact is, as all know, the price of hogs have remained at such a level during the entire deflation period, and indications are that the condition will prevail for quite a while. Every farmer, no matter where, is acquainted with the above fact. There are, in every neighborhood, a few men who have taken advantage of the high price of pork and their success is the pride of their community.

The writer, who of course, is familiar with his own community alone knows of the men who have most successfully weathered the storm of hard times and every one, no exceptions, say the feeding of cheap grain and cheaper pasture to high priced hogs have occasioned their success. So noticeable is the difference in the status of the farmer who devotes his attention to the raising of hogs in connection with the growing of grain that it is astonishing to one not in the game that all farmers have not added the production of pork to his otherwise carefully diversified activities. The only possible or plausible excuse is the fact there may have prevailed the fear that sooner or later the price of pork must hit the toboggan and follow the prices of other farm products to the "below the cost of production level." If such a fear has held the farmer off the hog in the past, it is a high time that he sees the error of it. If pork has maintained its position in the scale of commodities thru the years of '20, '21 and '22, it is evident that it is due to do even better in the future, now that the elements entering into its production are becoming more and more favorable. I am confident that the coming year will see many of the farmers who have raised grain exclusively and unsuccessfully, turn to the production of pork, and I can't resist the temptation to speak a word for the pure bred as compared to the scrub or grade hog.

A pure bred (as the word implies) is a result of select and careful breeding. Certain qualities are desirable in a hog just as certain qualities are desirable in a man. Observing men in the past and now know what kind of a hog brought the best price on the market. They learned what qualities interested the buyers, and then as thoughtful business men, they began selection and breeding to bring out in their herds those qualities. It is much easier to sell something the buyer wants than it is to convince him that something else meets his requirements. The exercise of "hog sense" was all that occasioned the pure bred hog.

This development has gone along for many years. It has now become a science and some of the most intelligent men on earth have given the business the benefit of their talent. So wide spread has the business become that it is now possible in nearly every community, to purchase individuals that give to your herd at once the very qualities that have been years in the making, the qualities that will elevate your herd from the common, the very qualities that the buyers of pork are seeking and the qualities that make the pure bred sell at a premium over the others. To begin at the beginning, to breed and select from the scrub, to endeavor to make your herd the kind of hog you know to be the best seller, would be a waste of time and for that reason ridiculous. It is so easy and so sensible to take time by the forelock that it would be at least unusual to begin where man began years ago. Purchase a pure bred, any breed, but a pure red. An individual that measures up to your idea of what a hog should be. One that would tempt the eye of a lover of breeding and water the mouth of a packing housebuyer. An individual whose record or whose pedigree shows its worth. Remember that in the hog kingdom as well as in the human family there are two well established proverbs: "LIKE BEGETS LIKE" and "AS IS THE FATHER SO IS THE SON". These do not hold true in either family without exceptions, but it is so nearly true that you can bank on it.

There are several breeds of hogs that have been developed to such a high state of perfection that personal preference is the only difference. They have each been selected a breed with the same end in view. The emphasizing of individual qualities and in the case of each breed the results have been wonderful. This man may favor the Poland China and cite many facts to bear him out. That man may favor the Berkshire and offer convincing testimony and so on down the line. Certain breeds are popular in one community, certain other breeds in other communities. In the lower half of the corn belt there seems to be a decided preference to the Duroc Jersey and the popularity of this breed is general over the entire corn belt. This is evidenced by the fact that 65% of all hogs going to the market centers for pork are of the Duroc Jersey breed. It seems that breeders of the Duroc Jerseys have the better of the argument from a statistical standpoint. They offer the following well substantiated facts:

1—There are more registered Duroc Jerseys than any other breed of pure bred hogs.
2—The average litter from registered Duroc Jerseys is 7.5 compared to 6.4 from breeds of a like type.
3—Duroc Jerseys have topped the market centers more often than any other breed.
4—There are more Duroc Jerseys placed on exhibition at fairs and shows than any other breed (this is an indication of the general popularity of the breed).

In addition to the above facts which are cold figures it is interesting to note that in the most contested class (Fat Barrows of All Breeds) at the greatest of all live stock shows, The International Pure Bred Live Stock Exhibition at Chicago, Ill., a Duroc JERSEY BARROW WAS DECIDED GRAND CHAMPION. The facts can be taken for what they are worth. They are conclusive of one thing however and that is PURE BREED EXCELLENCE. There is no excuse for the scrubs and the farmer or breeder that continue to try to raise hogs without regard to their breeding is doomed to failure. I would not have you believe that everything should be sent to secondary position to the hog. I want you to understand that hog raising and feeding go hand in hand with grain farming and are dependent each upon the other if success is to be had.

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DREDGE MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH BY HUGE ENGINE

Thursday Roy Carpenter, a dredge man who was working for the Callahan Construction Company between Benton and Commerce, was injured so seriously that he died soon after entering the Cape hospital.

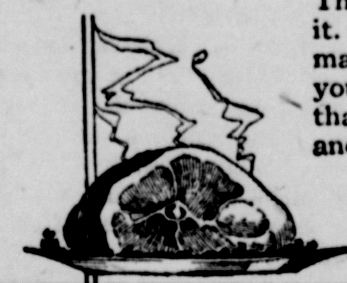
Carpenter was working on a 90-horsepower gasoline engine and had disconnected the piston rod with the intention of putting on new rings. In some unknown manner the igniter fired and the large piston jammed his legs against the counter balances of the crank shaft and mashed them to a pulp. He was taken to the Cape hospital and amputation of the legs took place, but he died soon after the operation. The body was shipped to Commerce, Texas for burial.—Benton Democrat.

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The offering consists of 15 tried sows, 20 spring gilts, 25 summer and fall gilts and 3 boars.

These sows are from the best blood lines obtainable in the country while the gilts are the offsprings of the sows and sired by Col. Pickett, Julius Caesar and The Son of Pan. The boars to be sold are Julius Caesar, The Son of Pan and a young boar out of a Yankee sow and by The Son of Pan.

This sale is made necessary because Milton and Ben Blanton are still in school and a shortage of feed and finances call for it. The boys will continue with their farm and retain their plant with six sows and gilts and one boar and hope to come again at some future date. This is going to be a real offering and a description of animals will be printed later.

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STATE ROAD LAW MEETS U. S. TEST

Jefferson City, January 25.—The Missouri road law is broad enough to comply with the requirements of the Federal Government to obtain State aid on highway construction in this State, Gov. Hyde has informed Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. The Secretary had written to the Governor expressing grave doubt that the Missouri law gave the State Highway Department powers broad enough to comply with provisions upon which the Federal Government predicated the apportionment of funds to the states for road building.

The letter to Wallace was based on an opinion by Newton D. Wilder of Kansas City, counselor to the State Highway Commission, who cited section 16 of the State highway law, which contains the following provision:

"The commission is hereby directed to comply with the provisions of any act of Congress providing for the distribution and expenditure of funds of the United States appropriate for Congress for highway construction, and to comply with any of the rules or conditions made by the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture, or other branch of the United States Government, acting under the provisions of Federal law in order to secure to the State of Missouri funds allotted to the State by the United States Government for highway construction."

Objections of Wallace had been based on section 29 of the highway law, which authorizes the State Commission to designate a primary road system of approximately 1500 miles, and to make minor changes of route in the interest of construction, efficiency and economy, but forbids any changes the net result of which would be to lengthen the State system.

Wallace pointed out that the Federal road law authorized the extending of Federal aid upon the construction of a Federal system not exceeding 7 per cent of the mileage of the roads of a state, which in Missouri would be about 7800 miles. That system, designated in Missouri by engineers of the State Highway Commission, lies right upon the state system, except that the various Federal routes stick out beyond the terminal of the State system, because the State system comprises approximately 7600 miles.

Wallace pointed out that the Federal Government extended aid to states in road construction to the end that eventually a country-wide system of connecting highway should be achieved, and that it might be necessary from time to time for the Federal Bureau of Public Roads to require the State Highway Department of Missouri to lengthen the State system in certain directions to meet that theory.

Though Wilder does not undertake to say that the State Highway Commission would do that, in the face of the inhibitions of section 29 of the State law, "the English language means what it says", he remarked in describing the powers of section 16.

The question of Federal aid in construction of the 60,000,000 program probably will mean the receiving or loss of more than \$2,000,000 a year, it is estimated.

Wallace had indicated, however, that it would be possible to approve projects for Missouri up to 1926 under a clause in the Federal law authorizing such action pending amendment of the laws of states which prevented complete compliance with Federal requirements. These matters were brought out last night at a joint meeting of the highway committees of the House and Senate, before which appeared Edwin Austin, secretary, and B. H. Piepmeyer, chief engineer of the Highway Department, and Wilder. These officials were present to urge the program of new legislation for the Highway Department, previously described in detail in the Post-Dispatch, which is desired by the State Commission. No action was taken by the committees or any indication given as to the attitude of the committees, the three being given attentive hearing by most of those present, though on or two of the less influential legislators persisted in asking questions.

Juana Arias, now 94 years of age and the only woman who ever attained the grade of Colonel in the Cuban revolutionary forces by bravery under fire, steadfastly refuses to cede an atom of her independence by accepting either Government or private aid.

Hundreds of unemployed are reported to be besieging the French Consulate at Liverpool in an effort to get work in the Ruhr mines. Officials of the Consulate say nothing can be done in this connection as no official instructions have been received from France.

NEWS LETTER FROM CHAFFEE

W. L. Buckley of Puxico was a visitor in Chaffee Saturday.

J. H. Hale went to Cape Girardeau Saturday on business and returned on the early morning train Sunday.

George Wiley is thinking of taking his seven passenger Reo out for practice trips in preparation of the coming motoring season.

Romeo LaRochelle, a Frenchman, is stopping at the Laclede Hotel. He has permanent employment here and has been in America six months.

A. A. Henning of St. Louis attended the funeral of L. L. Kerns at Cape Girardeau Sunday. He was formerly employed at Chaffee and was acquainted with Mr. Kerns.

A soaking rain fell in the vicinity of Chaffee Friday and Saturday, which has made the dirt roads soft. There were many farmers in the city Saturday, both with teams and cars.

C. P. and A. P. Reissaus were confined to their homes with the flu this week and P. N. Keller took charge of the business at the First National Bank.

Mrs. Ashley is having a very attractive change made in the interior of her residence on West Parker, by removing the partition between the sitting room and the dining room and building a colonnade, as well as re-finishing the walls.

Four or five of the principal religious denominations have formed a church league basketball team among pupils, who practice at the new gym alternative nights. These rival teams will begin a series of challenges games in the near future to determine the winner.

Funeral service were held at Fairmont cemetery, Cape Girardeau, Sunday afternoon, over the remains of Leonard Leoy Kerns, who met with fatal injuries January 25, and died the same day. Mr. Kerns was widely known in this territory, and hundreds of sorrowing friends participated in the final ceremony, conducted by the Knights Templar Lodge at Cape Girardeau.

The suddenness of his demise was especially distressing to his wife and two year old daughter, who asked her daddy to wake up, as she viewed the embalmed corpse. Mr. Kern had resided at Chaffee the past three years, and more than a hundred from Chaffee went to attend the ceremony. He was a devoted husband and father, and an overwhelming loss has visited this home.

STATE FAIR WILL HAVE COTTON PREMIUM LIST

For the first time in history the Missouri State Fair management is recommending that premiums on cotton be awarded at Sedalia this year. The secretary of the State Fair has asked the secretary of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau to submit to him a premium list on cotton bales to be offered at the next State Fair.

In making this request, the State Fair secretary states that since cotton has become one of the prominent crops of Missouri, and due to the fact that few farmers in the northern part of the State have ever seen cotton growing, he feels it would be of educational value to have a cotton exhibit at the State Fair and he desires to recommend a premium list that will justify cotton growers in Southeast Missouri sending a few bales of cotton to Sedalia.

Cotton growers in the Southeast Missouri district are urged to bear this in mind and retain any exceptionally good bales of cotton they may have for the Missouri State Fair exhibit. The amount of the premiums to be awarded has not yet been announced, but it will be sufficient to justify the expense of making the exhibit.

The Fair management, also, announces that there will be some very desirable cash premiums offered for county exhibits at the State Fair. Premiums in the past have been so small that it has hardly justified the Southeast Missouri counties in going to the necessary expense of sending county exhibits to the State Fair. It is believed now that prizes will be of sufficient size and importance to justify Southeast Missouri counties entering the contest.

A negro applied at the ticket office at Caruthersville, for a Pullman ticket to St. Louis and was refused. Thereupon he has filed suit against the Frisco Railroad for \$50,000 damages, alleging that he suffered a "physical shock and collapse" from riding in a day coach. The world do move. We have seen the time when we would have suffered a shock if not a collapse, if we had had the spondulix to pay for a Pullman berth. Oh, well, cotton is responsible for people in this county being able to ride in Pullmans.—Charleston Times.

WINGS GIVEN TO NEW RIFLE BULLET

Washington, January 29.—Work of army experts since the war has produced a new bullet for use in rifles and machine guns which is expected to add enormously to the effectiveness of these weapons in any future conflicts.

The new bullet is known as a "boat-tail" because of a six degree taper at the tail. Exhaustive tests by the army have shown that the change in shape has given wings to the bullets, adding 1400 yards to the maximum range attained and flattening the trajectory or arc of flight at 1000 yards approximately 30 per cent.

In addition the army experts have worked out a new jacket for the bullets that practically eliminates fouling of gun barrels. It is a 90 per cent copper and 10 per cent zinc composition that leaves the rifle clear of clogging metal and will increase the accuracy life of rifles and machine guns. It also will permit the accuracy of fire with small arms to be as great in actual combat as in peace time target work.

Tests at the army infantry school have fixed the maximum range of the new bullet at 4800 yards, as compared to 3450 yards with the present ammunition. It also has been demonstrated that at 600 yards with the new ammunition it is possible to put every shot into a circle the size of a teacup, as the "boat-tail" bullet is less subject to wind current deflection.

Swiss experts worked out a "boat-tail" bullet many years ago and the high degree of efficiency in rifle work obtained by the Swiss in international competitions rests in part on such ammunition. The French also began work in 1898 on changing the base of bullets to decrease the air suction that held them back in flight, but French development for service use was not carried very far. During the war, German sharpshooters, working at long range, used "boat-tail" ammunition. None of these foreign developments, however, has gone to the point arrived at by American army experts.

Changing the shape of the bullet also has changed its sound in flight. The "boat-tail" just whispers in space, while the old Springfield bullet passing close to a man's ear, cracked almost like the report of the rifle itself.

Hostile machine guns are located by the sound of the bullets to some degree. Long experience with that sound of the bullets gives soldiers much information as to the probable distance to the gun nest, although its exact direction is doubtful. The new "whispering" bullet will deny any such information to the troops against which it is fired.

Our Soldiers' German Wives

The situation regarding the admission to this country of the foreign-born wives of American soldiers, which has been under discussion as a result of President Harding's orders for the return of our troops from Germany, seems to require a little explanation.

Before the passage of the Cable law by Congress a woman marrying an American citizen automatically took the nationality of her husband. She did not have to take out citizenship papers in order to be an American citizen. The new law provides for the retention of their original citizenship by foreigners marrying Americans. If they wish to become American citizens they must pursue the regular course for naturalization.

Under the new immigration law, limiting the number of admissions to this country to a certain annual quota of each nationality, it would be technically possible for an American husband to be admitted while his wife might be excluded if the quota for the country from which she came had been exhausted. But this is by no means the case with Germany, which has not sent us nearly so many immigrants as she is entitled to do under the law. Consequently there is no obstacle to the admission of the wives of our soldiers who have been doing duty on the Rhine. Those married since September 22, when the Cable law went into effect, will come in with the status of desirable immigrants from Germany, provided they pass the prescribed tests as to health and literacy. Those who married before the date will be regarded as American citizens, the same as their husbands. In either case no practical difficulty stands in the way, since it may be assumed that the wives of our soldiers will be able to read and write. The technical discrimination with regard to those who married after September 22 is necessary under the law, but practically their admission should be as easy as that of those who became American citizens with their marriage.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegram.

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HIGHWAY DISTRICT AMPLY PATROLLED

Sikeston, January 30.—"The road work in division No. 10 is progressing nicely", Frank B. Newton, Division Engineer of the State Highway Department told a Missourian reporter today.

"It is only a matter of short time until the people of this part of the state will be using roads to which they are not accustomed. Not only are the roads being built but they are being kept in good condition by patrolmen who have sections of the roads to keep graded and drained. These section men, or patrolmen, are to the highways as the section men are to railroads. In this division over 297 miles of road are now being patrolled. In these various patrols are 37 men working whose duty it is to keep all the roads in their charge in good condition for traffic. The patrol is being lengthened daily and more men are being added to the patrols", he said.

The construction of roads is often held up in winter time because of danger of freezing. But, Newton tells of a machine that is now being used in this division which will prevent this, and winter-time work can be carried on with safety. This machine is a concrete mixer being used by the General Construction Co., C. D. Ordling, construction engineer, at Clark Creek, near Patterson, Wayne county. Concrete is being mixed and applied daily without fear of damage by freezing.

The process of working this machine is very simple, yet effective. Under the mixer is a large coal oil burner, resembling a blow torch, which heats the mixture to a boiling point. The concrete comes from the mixer at a boiling temperature and is immediately placed upon the road. After spreading the mixture, it is covered with straw to prevent its freezing.

This, it is said, is very effective and can be used with safety in the section of the country, where the weather is never far below zero. The placing of straw serves as a blanket and keeps out, to a great extent, moisture and the freezing atmosphere. By this method Wayne county will be getting along nicely all winter with her roads.

That part of a highway running from Poplar Bluff to Birds Point, across the eastern part of Butler county and across Stoddard, Scott and Mississippi counties will be open for traffic about August 1, it is believed by highway officials. Extending east from Poplar Bluff 12 1/2 miles will be an 18-foot concrete surface road. This will terminate within 1 1/4 miles of St. Francois.

Norman Davis, contractor, who has the building of the road extending across Scott county, says his part is being put into good condition.

When this road is open for traffic it will accommodate practically all the towns on the Missouri Pacific railroad along this line.

Newton is well pleased with its progress. He called attention to the fact that the county courts of several counties in Division No. 10 are aiding in the road construction by lending their supplies, when needed, to be used by contractors. He said the maintenance department has had the loan of tractors, graders and other equipment on several occasions and they naturally have a feeling of appreciation toward the courts.—Cape Missourians.

The Queen of the Belgians has prepared a special album containing a complete set of Belgian postage stamps, to be presented to Queen Helena of Italy, who is an ardent philatelist and possesses a magnificent collection.

The effect of cold storage temperatures upon the life of insects in commodities is being investigated by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the study is already yielding beneficial results. This is a relatively new field of investigation. Experiments already completed indicate the value of cold storage for the destruction of bean and pea weevils in beans. All stored-product pests are being made the subject of investigations in connection with cold temperatures.

If you were asked to name the most powerful animal, you would probably say the elephant. Scientists find the most tremendous animal energy in the world is possessed by the mole. Existing under ground and blind, in his insatiable hunt for food he works 24 hours a day. He has never been known to sleep and every 24 hours eats four times his weight in food. He is the only perpetual motion machine known and at that he finds time to rear an industrious family. Compared to the mole the ants and the bees, and the muscular and acrobatic flea, are second, if not, third-raters.

That the granting of suffrage to women had deprived them of the right to any special legislative protection is the ground taken by the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in its decision against the minimum wage law for women.

A study of data from nearly 200 tests by the United States Department of Agriculture has shown that there were 338 per cent more bacteria in fresh milk produced with unsterile utensils than in milk produced in sterilized utensils. After standing for 24 hours at a temperature of 60 degree F the count was 630 per cent greater for milk drawn, handled, and kept in unsterile utensils. Where steam is not available, thorough heating in boiling water noticeably reduces the bacteria count.

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